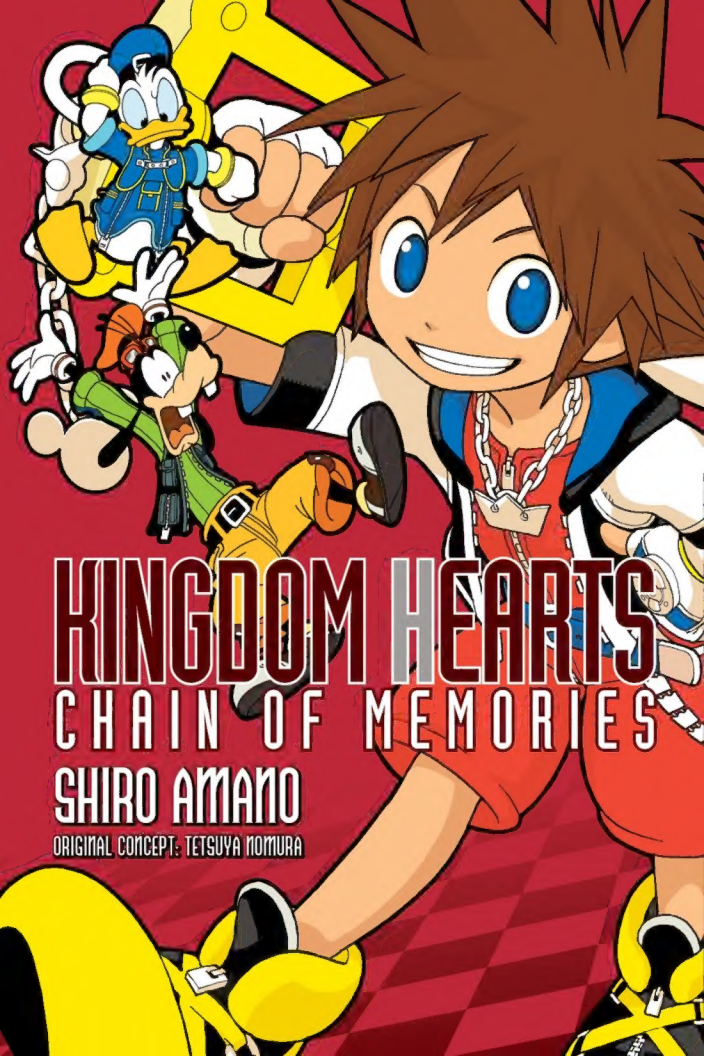
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# KINGDOM HEARTS
## CHAIN OF MEMORIES

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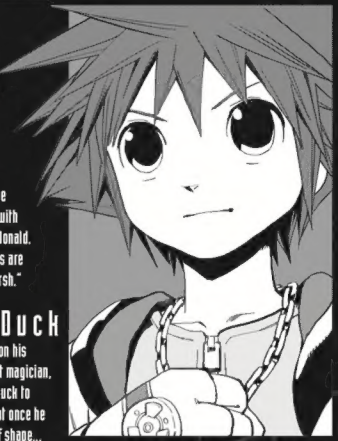
## Sora

A boy chosen by the Keyblade—the key to saving worlds. He continues his journey to find his missing friend, Riku, and return with him to their home on Destiny Islands.



## Goofy

He is searching for the missing King Mickey with his friends Sora and Donald. His trademark phrases are "A-hyuck" and "Gawrsh."

## Donald Duck

Accompanying Sora on his journey. An expert magician, he is a helpful duck to have around, but once he gets bent out of shape...

# CHARACTERS & STORY

Our hero Sora lived peacefully on Destiny Islands with his best friends, Riku and Kairi, until one night disaster struck his world, and the three were separated, whisked away to faraway worlds. Sora looked for Riku and Kairi in the unfamiliar Traverse Town, but with no clues to finding them, his search was in vain. Then he met Donald and Goofy, who were searching for their missing king, and together, they set off on a quest.

After a long journey across numerous worlds, Sora and his friends found Kairi. They also found Riku and the king on the other side of the door to darkness.

But strange things were happening on the other side of the door. Countless Heartless were crossing its threshold and overflowing into the outside world. To stop them, the door had to be locked, with Riku and the king still on the other side. Seeing Sora's reluctance, the king encouraged him, "There will always be a door to the light." Trusting those words, Sora raised his Keyblade to the sky and locked the door. And in his heart, he vowed to find Riku and the king once more...

## King Mickey

King of Disney Castle. He is missing along with Riku.

## Naminé

A mysterious girl who quietly draws pictures alone in a room of the castle.

## Hairi

Sora's childhood friend. She waits on Destiny Islands for Sora's return.

## Riku

Sora's best friend. He closed the door from the inside together with the King and was left behind in the world of darkness.

## Ansem

The "Seeker of Darkness" who lurks in Riku's heart, waiting to take control.

## MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION XIII

A mysterious group clad in black cloaks. They seem to be investigating the secrets of the heart...

### BASEMENT TEAM

#### ZEXION

No. 6

Leader of the Basement Team. Ward is he's surprisingly domestic!

#### LEXAEUS

No. 5

Helps Zexion and Vexen manage things belowground. Avid puzzler.

#### VEXEN

No. 4

Has the most seniority of all the Organization members at Castle Oblivion. And get the treatment he receives is...

### GROUNDFLOOR TEAM

#### LARXENE

No. 12

Cold-blooded, temperamental, and really scary. Once she flies off the handle, there's no stopping her.

#### MARLUXIA

No. 11

Lover of flowers and leader of operations at Castle Oblivion. It seems he's plotting something...

#### AXEL

No. 8

Mysterious individual who appears before Sora from time to time and leaves little bits of advice.

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ONE HEART THAT IS ALL HEARTS.
ALL HEARTS THAT ARE ONE HEART.
THE HEART OF ALL KINGDOMS—
"KINGDOM HEARTS."
THAT IS THE GREAT HEART.
AND WITHIN, LIES GREAT DARKNESS.

EACH WORLD WAS LOCKED, AND THEY WERE ALL COMPLETELY SEPARATE.
ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WERE MANY DIFFERENT WORLDS.
THREE CHILDREN LONGED TO LEAVE THEIR WORLD AND SEE WHAT WORLDS LAY BEYOND.
ONE DAY, DARKNESS APPEARED. IT COVERED WORLDS AND MADE THEM DISAPPEAR.
THE DARKNESS ENGULFED MANY WORLDS. THEY DISAPPEARED ONE BY ONE.
BUT THERE WAS ONE HOPE, AND THAT HOPE CHOSE A BOY.
THE BOY AND HIS COMPANIONS FOUGHT THE DARKNESS AND LOCKED MANY KEYHOLES ACROSS THE WORLDS.

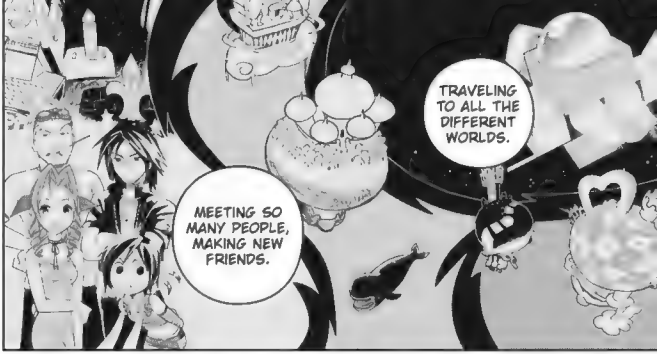
THANKS TO THIS FRIEND, WHO DEFEATED THE DARKNESS, THE BOY WAS ABLE TO LOCK THE FINAL DOOR.
BUT THE FRIEND LOST HIS BODY, AND HIS HEART WAS LEFT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR. HIS HEART BEGAN WANDERING THE VOID BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARK.
ELSEWHERE, HIS MISSING FRIEND WAS ALMOST SWALLOWED BY DARKNESS BUT HAD THE STRENGTH TO OVERCOME IT.
AT THE END OF HIS JOURNEY, THE BOY SAID GOOD-BYE TO HIS FRIENDS AND FOUND HIMSELF IN A STRANGE PLACE FAR AWAY FROM HOME.
NEVERTHELESS, THE BOY HAD HIS COMPANIONS.
AND HE HAD HOPE.
HE QUICKLY DISCOVERED A CLUE TO FINDING HIS FRIEND BEYOND THE DOOR, BUT THE CLUE SOON LEFT HIM.

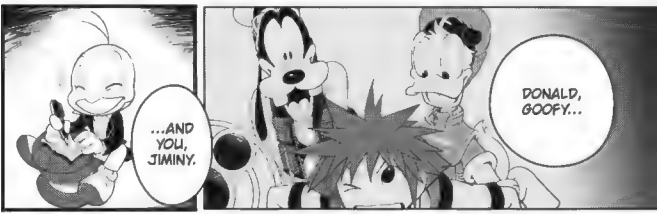
Card:01 Castle Oblivion

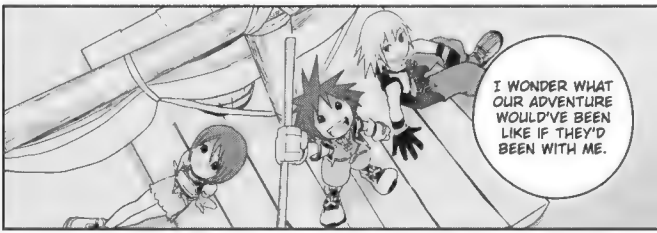
SNRK?
ZZZZZZ
CAN'T SLEEP?

YOU TOO, JIMINY.
YOU'LL MAKE YOURSELF SICK IF YOU DON'T GET SOME REST.
I'M ALL RIGHT.
I WAS ORGANIZING THE RECORD I'VE BEEN KEEPING OF OUR JOURNEY...
...IN MY "JIMINY MEMO."
WOW, YOU'VE WRITTEN A LOT!
I'VE GOT TO REPORT ON OUR ADVENTURE TO QUEEN MINNIE WHEN I GET BACK TO THE CASTLE.
IT'S MY DUTY AS CHRONICLER.

WE WANTED TO LEAVE THE ISLANDS AND SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
ME, RIKU...
...AND KAIRI.
BACK ON THE ISLAND...
...MY FRIENDS AND I WERE BUILDING A RAFT.
BUT I NEVER IMAGINED I'D HAVE AN ADVENTURE LIKE THIS.
GETTING SEPARATED FROM MY FRIENDS.
GETTING THE KEYBLADE, BATTLING HEARTLESS.
BEING THROWN OUTSIDE OF MY WORLD.


TRAVELING TO ALL THE DIFFERENT WORLDS.
MEETING SO MANY PEOPLE, MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

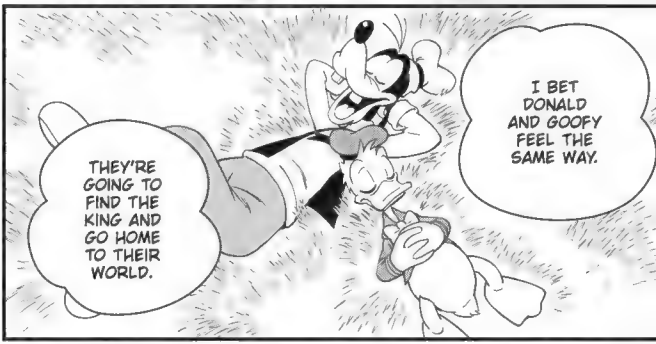

...AND YOU, JIMINY.
DONALD, GOOFY...

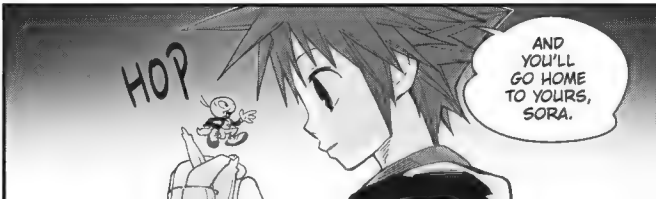

I WONDER WHAT OUR ADVENTURE WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE IF THEY'D BEEN WITH ME.

I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW.

DO YOU THINK I'LL GET TO GO BACK TO MY WORLD?
JIMINY...
YOU PROMISED YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
COME ON, WHY THE LONG FACE?
OF COURSE!
I'LL COME BACK TO YOU.
I PROMISE!
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND!
OH, DON'T BE SO BASHFUL!

AND BE SURE TO BRING MY LUCKY CHARM BACK TO ME!
I KNOW YOU WILL!


THEY'RE GOING TO FIND THE KING AND GO HOME TO THEIR WORLD.
I BET DONALD AND GOOFY FEEL THE SAME WAY.


HOP
AND YOU'LL GO HOME TO YOURS, SORA.

SORA...
TAKE CARE OF HER.
KAIRI...
WELL NOW, LET'S GET SOME SHUT-EYE.
I'LL FIND RIKU AND BRING HIM HOME.
I PROMISE, KAIRI...

SNOOORE
FWEEE
LEAVE A BURGER FOR ME, A-HYUCK!
MUMBLE MUMBLE
ROLL
BRAVE KEY BEARER.
WHO'S THERE?!
...
ZSH

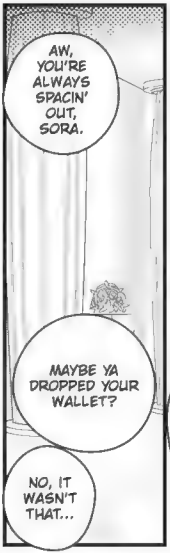
!
ZOOM...
AHEAD LIES WHAT YOU SEEK...
...BUT... TO CLAIM IT...
...?!

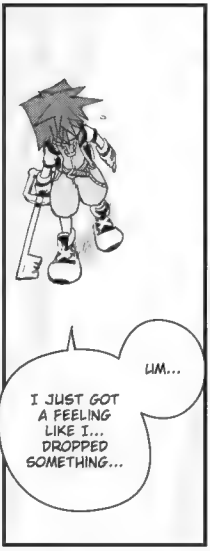
...YOU MUST LOSE SOMETHING DEAR.
SSS...
I'M BEHIND YOU.
.....
WH—
HEY, WAIT!
STAB
A-HYUCK.
MAKE SURE TO HANG THE TOWEL UP WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH IT.
SNORE

DUN

SO THIS IS WHERE I'LL FIND...
...*SOMETHING I NEED*?
GAWRSH, IT SURE LOOKS LIKE A PLACE WHERE WE'D FIND SOMETHIN'.
WOW, THIS CASTLE IS HUGE!
...BUT...
MAYBE THE KING'S IN HERE.
THERE MIGHT BE A CLUE TO FINDING RIKU...
HEY, WAIT!
SHOCK
IS THIS WHERE WE GO IN?

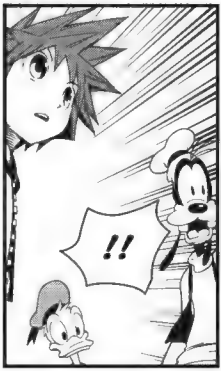
KNOCK KNOCK
UM, WHAT IF IT'S A TRAP?
... THEY'RE NOT LISTENING.
I KNEW THAT!
DONALD, WE SHOULD KNOCK FIRST, A-HYUCK.
HUH? OH, RIGHT.
CREAK...
HELLOOO! IS ANYBODY THERE?
GAWRSH, YA THINK IT'S OKAY TO BARGE IN LIKE THIS?
LOOKS LIKE NOBODY'S HOME.


AW, YOU'RE ALWAYS SPACIN' OUT, SORA.
NO, IT WASN'T THAT...
MAYBE YA DROPPED YOUR WALLET?


I JUST GOT A FEELING LIKE I... DROPPED SOMETHING...
UM...

HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG?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WELCOME TO OUR CASTLE.

...IS YOUR MEMORY.
WHAT YOU DROPPED...
YOU —!
HE'S THAT GUY— THE ONE IN THE BLACK COAT!
AND YOU JUST FELL INTO HIS TRAP?!
?!
THERE'S OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING SCREWY ABOUT HIM!
BUT I ASKED YOU GUYS...
...
IF IT WERE ME, I'D HAVE STAYED FAR AWAY FROM THIS PLACE!
I TOLD YOU IT COULD BE A TRAP!
BAM
BAM

BA-BAM
FI—
I BET HE'S A HEARTLESS! MY MAGIC'LL SHOW HIM A THING OR TWO!
...
FINE...
?
...
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I AM NOT A HEARTLESS.
BLIZZ—
UMM... UMM...
HUH?
WHAT??
HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT?
THE MOMENT YOU SET FOOT IN THIS CASTLE, YOU STARTED LOSING YOUR MEMORY.

DOES THAT MEAN...
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN EVERY SPELL AND ABILITY YOU KNEW.
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
...IF I TRY A DODGE ROLL NOW, IT'LL JUST BE A NORMAL SOMERSAULT?!
.....
A, B, C, D, E, F...
IN THIS PLACE, TO FIND IS TO LOSE...AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND.
BUT IT DOES NOT END THERE.
EXCUSE ME, I'M TALKING.
A-HYUCK, I DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN THE ALPHABET YET!
...O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V...
HEY, YOU'RE KINDA SCARING ME...
...GOOFY?
...I, J, K...

IN THIS PLACE, TO FIND IS TO LOSE... AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND.
I SAID IT AGAIN BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T LISTENING!
I BET IT'S HIS FAVORITE LINE.
HE JUST SAID THE SAME THING TWICE...
THAT IS THE WAY OF THINGS...
...IN CASTLE OBLIVION.

MAN, HE SAID IT AGAIN...
IN THIS PLACE, TO FIND IS TO LOSE...AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND.
HERE YOU WILL MEET PEOPLE THAT ARE FAMILIAR TO YOU...
...PEOPLE YOU HAVE MISSED.
WHAT?
PEOPLE WE'VE MISSED ...?!

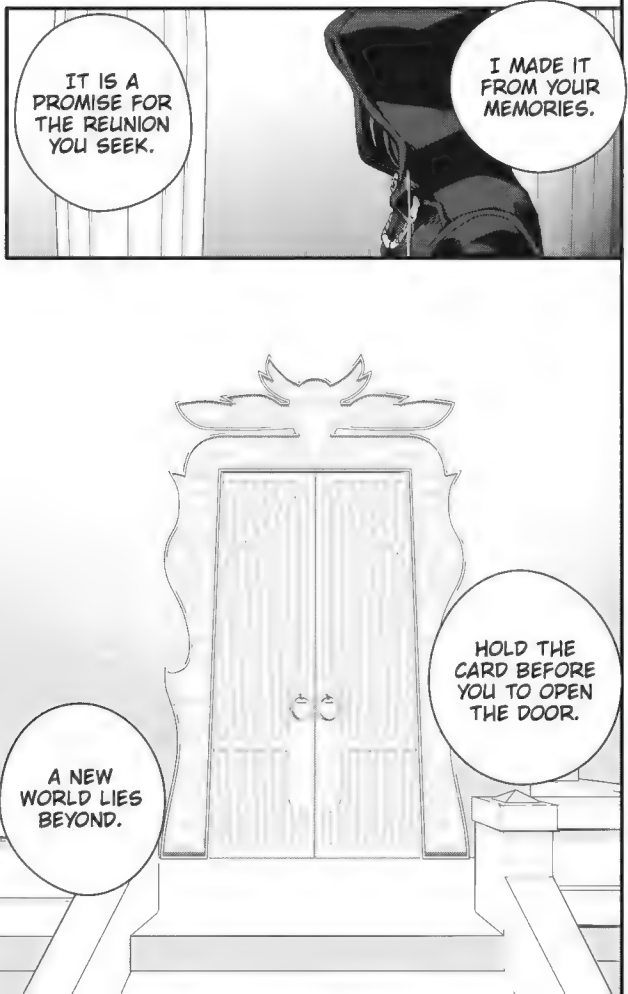
WHOA!
RIKU! YOU MEAN RIKU'S HERE?!
AND THE KING? IS HE HERE?!
SURELY...
...YOU FEEL THEIR PRESENCE.
IF YOU WANT TO FIND THEM—
WHOOSH

!!!
IS THERE REALLY ANOTHER WORLD AT THE END OF THIS OCEAN?
WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE GET THERE.
HEY KID, YOU NEW 'ROUND HERE...?
THOSE HEARTLESS YOU SAW'RE MONSTERS THAT EAT PEOPLE'S HEARTS.

ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL!
THE "KEYBLADE" YOU POSSESS— THAT'S WHAT THE HEARTLESS ARE LOOKING FOR.
YOUR HEART? WHAT GOOD WILL THAT WEAK LITTLE THING DO FOR YOU?
You hold the mightiest weapon of all—
TAKE CARE OF HER.
DON'T WORRY. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A DOOR TO THE LIGHT.

TAKE THIS. IT'S MY LUCKY CHARM.
...SO WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU'LL ALWAYS MAKE IT BACK HERE SAFE AND SOUND...

GASP
WHAT'D YOU DO?!
WHA—?!
!
?!
!
SHFF
I MERELY SAMPLED YOUR MEMORIES.
CATCH
!
WHAT'S THIS, A CARD?


IT IS A PROMISE FOR THE REUNION YOU SEEK.
I MADE IT FROM YOUR MEMORIES.
HOLD THE CARD BEFORE YOU TO OPEN THE DOOR.
A NEW WORLD LIES BEYOND.

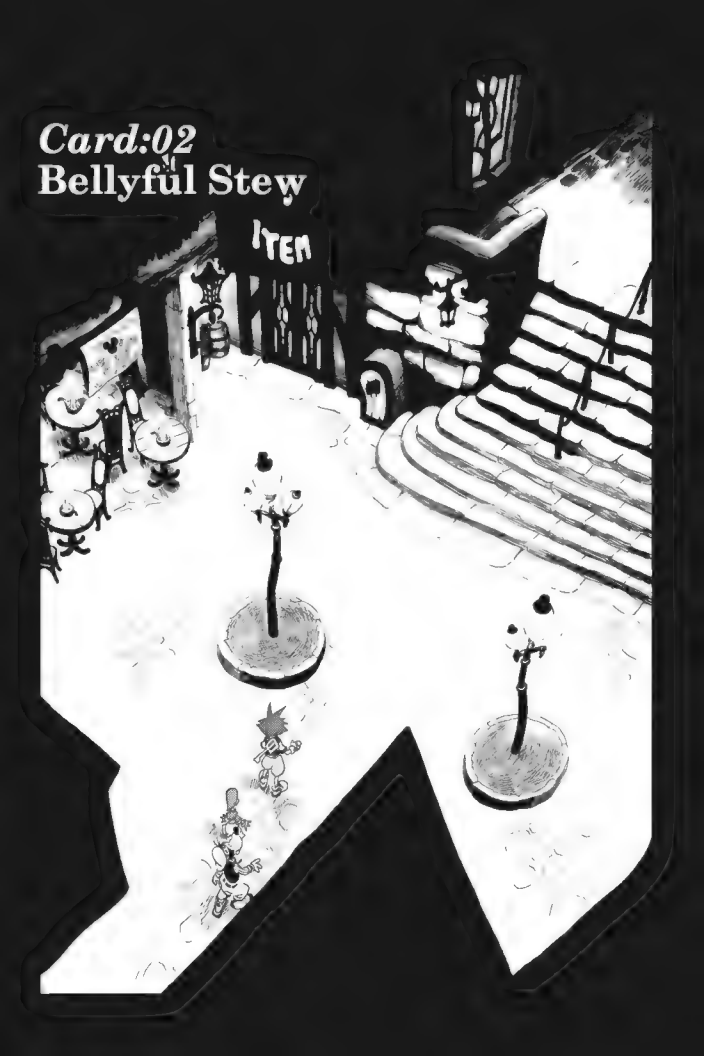
USE THAT CARD TO PROCEED THROUGH THE CASTLE.
BRAVE KEY BEARER.....
WAIT A MINUTE, SORA!
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT HE SAID!
I'M NOT SURE WE SHOULD GO ANY FARTHER...
HE SAID WE STARTED LOSING OUR MEMORY FROM THE MOMENT WE SET FOOT IN THIS CASTLE.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN "STARTED"?
AND "TO FIND IS TO LOSE AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND"?
WHIRL WHIRL WHIRL

YOINK
I FELT IT AS SOON AS I SAW THIS CASTLE.
PLOP
I KNEW WE'D FIND SOMETHING HERE...
GAWRSH, ME TOO.
ME THREE.
REALLY?!
SAKES ALIVE...
AS A MATTER OF FACT ...
...I HAD THE EXACT SAME FEELING. BUT...
WE WON'T FIND ANYTHING IF WE DON'T GO FORWARD.

C'MON, GUYS.
BAM
LET'S GO FIND RIKU AND THE KING!!

AS YOU PROCEED, YOU WILL LEARN...
VNN.
...THE MEANING OF "TO FIND IS TO LOSE AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND"...
.....
OH NO... I SAID IT AGAIN...

?!
WAIT, THIS IS—

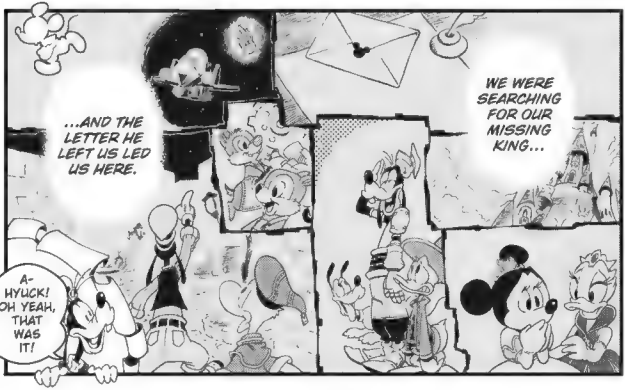

Card:02
Bellyful Stew
ITEM

BUT... WE'RE STILL INSIDE THE CASTLE, AREN'T WE?!
AND ALL WE DID WAS WALK THROUGH THE DOOR...
HUH? GOOFY, WHEN DID YOU CHANGE CLOTHES?
YOU TOO, DONALD!
HOLD THE CARD BEFORE YOU TO OPEN THE DOOR.
A NEW WORLD LIES BEYOND.
DID THE CARD DO THIS?
WE AREN'T DREAMING, ARE WE?!
THAT WASN'T DORAEMON'S "ANYWHERE DOOR," WAS IT?!
NUH-UH!

THIS IS THE FIRST OTHER WORLD I EVER TRAVELED TO.
I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE SEEING THIS PLACE AGAIN.
TRAVERSE TOWN...

UH-HUH...
I REMEMBER WE WERE ALL FIGHTING OVER THE CHEAPEST SWEATER AT THAT SALE...
WAIT, NO!
SALE

AND THIS IS WHERE YOU MET US TOO.

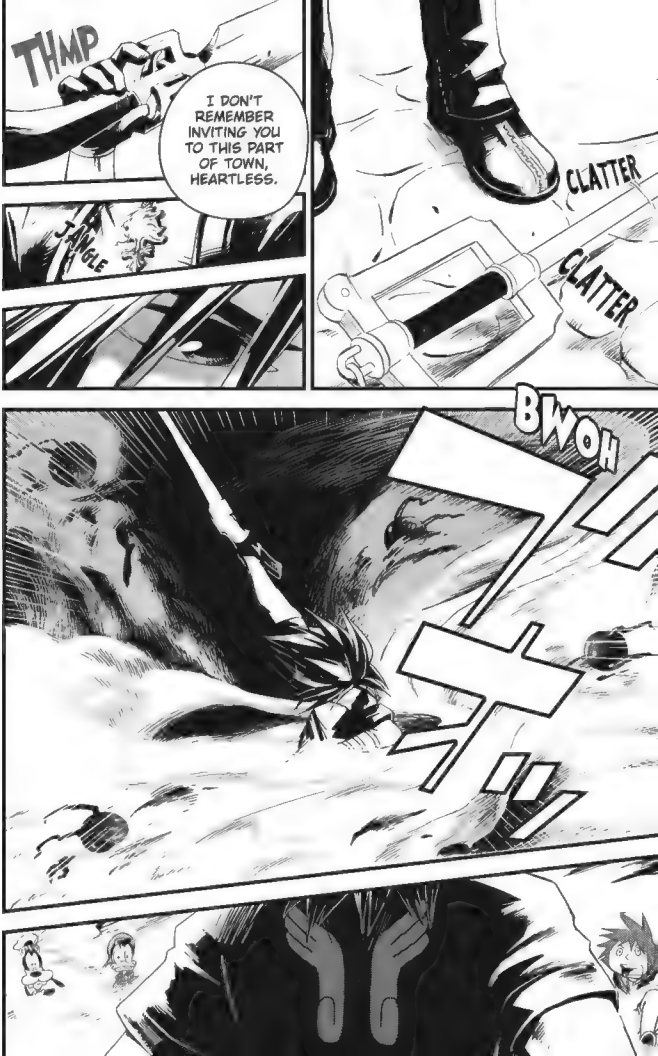

...AND THE LETTER HE LEFT US LED US HERE.
WE WERE SEARCHING FOR OUR MISSING KING...
A-HYUCK! OH YEAH, THAT WAS IT!

~GROWWL~
LEAVE IT TO GOOFY TO FORGET EVERYTHING!
TASTY SMELL
A-HYUCK!
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU WERE TOLD TO FIND THE FELLOW WITH THIS KEY.
IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE IN MY JIMINY MEMO.
CAFE
French Cafe
BAR
YOU'RE RIGHT. WE HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING DECENT FOR A WHILE.
WOULD YOU TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY?!
SORRY, IT'S JUST THAT SOMETHIN' SMELLS REALLY GOOD...
HOW CAN YOU BE SO EASY-GOING?
HE'S RIGHT, SORA.
WELL, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.
AND THEY SAY "AN ARMY MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH"!
SINCE WE'RE HERE, WHY DON'T WE GRAB A BITE?
WAAAFT
CAFE
French Cafe
WHAT?!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY THIS PLACE OUT.
COULD WE SEE THE MENU, PLEASE?
YOUR CURIOSITY COULD PUT US IN DANGER!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...

LET'S SEE...
.....
DID YOU HAVE TO POINT THAT OUT?!
HA-HA, YOU'RE HUNGRY TOO, DONALD!
MENU
RICE BALL (COD ROE) ---- 200
(BONITO) ---- 200
(SALMON ROE) ---- 300
DRINKS (BARLEY TEA) ---- 500
(COFFEE) ---- 600
---- 400
OMELET
SODA WATER (BLUE) ---- 1200
(GREEN) ---- ?
THERE'S NOT MUCH TO CHOOSE FROM.
AND IT'S A BIT ODD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
UM...THE MENU...
FZH
OH DEAR!
BUT I'M USED TO BEING IGNORED— I'M JUST A LITTLE OLD CONSCIENCE ...
I WAS MORE IN THE MOOD FOR SOME CHINESE...
WHERE'S THE WAITER? HELLO?
OH WELL.
!!
FZH

GLOW
GLOW GLOW
GLOW
GLOW
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
MAYBE THE WAITERS ARE GONNA COME OUT AND SING A SURPRISE "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" FOR US, HEH.
THAT'S NOT FUNNY, SORA!!!

SAND...
...
...WICH?!
I FORGOT THAT I FORGOT MY WAK! MAGIC!
CLANG
I CAN'T MOVE THE WAY I WANT TO!
ARGH!
UGH...
GAWRSH!
NO!!
WHIP


THMP
I DON'T REMEMBER INVITING YOU TO THIS PART OF TOWN, HEARTLESS.
JINGLE
CLATTER
CLATTER
BWOH

CATCH
HERE.

NOW TRY TO REMEMBER HOW TO HOLD YOUR WEAPON.

LEON !!!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF YOU BEFORE IN MY LIFE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
QUIT PLAYING, LEON!
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
HUH?
.....
LEON !!
WAIT ...
YOU'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE YOU GET ATTACKED AGAIN.
HOW CAN YOU HAVE FOR-GOTTEN ABOUT US?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
HEY, LET GO OF ME.
GRAB
I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN! HOW CAN YOU BE LIKE THIS?

I DON'T THINK SO...
IF WE DID FIGHT TOGETHER, YOU PROBABLY JUST DRAGGED ME DOWN.
IS THAT WHAT HE REALLY THINKS OF ME?!
WE ALL FOUGHT THE HEARTLESS TOGETHER! YOU KNOW THAT!
AT HOLLOW BASTION ...
WHEN WE SAID GOOD-BYE...
...I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, AND I WAS AFRAID I'D FORGET YOU ALL.
... YOU SAID ...
THAT'S WHEN ...
"WE MAY NEVER MEET AGAIN, BUT..."

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
HEY! YOU JUST GAVE ME A LOOK OF PITY!!!
HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY.
OH NOOO !!
AND THEN LEON WOULD HAVE LOST HIS MEMORIES TOO?
WHAT IF THIS TOWN WAS PULLED INSIDE CASTLE OBLIVION?
SO, YOU DO KNOW HIS NAME!
?!
NO...I JUST...
ENOUGH ALREADY!
SORA!!

I KNOW I DON'T KNOW YOU.
I DON'T GET IT... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY MEMORY?
SO YOU WERE JUST KIDDING AROUND?!!
NO!
SMOKE SMOKE SMOKE
WAAK! HIS BRAIN IS SMOKING!
HEY, LEON.
HMMmooo
YOU DON'T KNOW HIM, BUT YOU REMEMBER HIS NAME?
THAT'S AN UNCANNY POWER, ALL RIGHT.
DO YOU THINK THEY'RE WHAT AERITH WAS SENSING?

HUH?
YUFFIE!
ARE THEY FRIENDS OF YOURS?
NOPE! TOTAL STRANGERS.
HEY, I KNOW YOUR NAMES TOO!
SORA, DONALD, GOOFY.
AND ...
... JIMINY!
WHY SHOULD I? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET!
STRANGERS? YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER US EITHER?
BUT YOU DON'T REMEMBER US.
UH-HUH.
...LIKE I DO KNOW YOU GUYS.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT YOU JUST SEEM SO FAMILIAR.
BUT IT'S ODD.

YOU'RE NOT IN MY MEMORY, BUT MY HEART REMEMBERS YOU.

OR... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
TREAT YOURSELVES TO CID'S SPECIAL "BELLYFUL STEW" !!
EAT UP, YOU CLOWNS !!
THIS IS THE BEST CURE YOU'LL EVER FIND FOR AN EMPTY STOMACH!

I USED IT AS A SECRET INGREDIENT.
WHAT ?!
HEY, WHERE DID MY CHEESECAKE GO?!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
HE TAKES EVERYTHING FROM THE FRIDGE AND PUTS IT IN THE POT.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
WHO CARES IF WE DON'T REMEMBER EACH OTHER?

YOUR HEART IS FULL OF MEMORIES OF US TOGETHER.
THOSE MEMORIES MUST RESONATE IN OUR HEARTS TOO.
YOUR HEART?
YES.
MY HEART IS REACTING.
HIS MEMORIES ARE VERY POWERFUL.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT SORA'S MEMORIES ARE AFFECTING OURS?
MAYBE THEY TELL US THINGS WE COULDN'T OTHERWISE KNOW.
CRUNCH CRUNCH
I MADE THIS FROM YOUR MEMORIES.
MY... ...MEMORIES...

YOU HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, DON'T YOU?
!
Y—
YOU CAN SEE INSIDE MY HEART?!
NO, IT'S ALL OVER YOUR FACE.
YEAH, WE WERE IN THE CASTLE...
SO YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN THIS CASTLE?
WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES?!
THERE AREN'T ANY CASTLES IN TRAVERSE TOWN.
...BUT WHEN WE OPENED A DOOR, IT WAS TRAVERSE TOWN...
AHHH! I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT!
DON'T WORRY. WE ALL KNOW THAT'S NOT YOUR STRONG SUIT.
I KNOW! BUT WE WERE IN THE CASTLE, AND THERE WAS A DOOR... ... AND ...

RIKU AND THE KING LOOK LIKE THIS...
UH... OOPS.
SORA, OUR HEARTS KNOW WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.
A PUNY TOWN LIKE THIS— WE'LL FIND THEM IN NO TIME.
YEAH.
ANYWAY, LET'S SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR THEM.
TH—
THANKS, EVERYONE.
COULDN'T FIND YOUR FRIENDS?
NO... I GUESS THEY AREN'T HERE.
SIGH.

A REALITY WE CAN'T SEE...
BUT...
THAT'S OKAY.
SORRY WE COULDN'T HELP.
...THEY'RE SOMEWHERE IN THIS CASTLE. I JUST KNOW IT.
WE CAN TAKE ON AN ARMY OF HEARTLESS NOW!
LEON, YOU HELPED ME REMEMBER HOW TO FIGHT AGAIN.
I'LL TRAIN YOU MORE IF YOU WANT.
UM... I THINK I'M GOOD.
AND WE LEARNED SOME SPELLS AT MERLIN'S HOUSE.
WELL, WE'D BETTER GET GOING.
BUT...

...I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THAT...
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET...

THAT'S WHAT YOUR HEART IS TELLING US.

YOU'LL BE OKAY, SORA. NO MATTER WHAT SHAPE REALITY TAKES, YOU CAN HANDLE IT.
GOOD LUCK.

"WE MAY NEVER MEET AGAIN, BUT WE'LL NEVER FORGET EACH OTHER."

EXIT
CASTLE OBLIVION 2F
WELL, YOU KNOW... NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING SOMETHING, SOMETHING.
I FEEL LIKE WE'RE JUST GETTING MORE AND MORE TANGLED UP IN A TRAP.
SORA!
IS THIS WHERE WE GET OUT?
SORA...
BEWARE YOUR MEMORIES.
AERITH.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TELL YOU.

NOW I'M EVEN MORE CONFUSED!!
YOU MUSTN'T LET ILLUSIONS DISTRACT YOU FROM WHAT'S TRULY IMPORTANT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
JUST BELIEVE WHAT YOU FEEL IN YOUR HEART.
I'M STAND-ING RIGHT HERE...
YOU MEAN WEIRD?
AERITH SURE IS MYSTERIOUS, ISN'T SHE?
GASP
NO, WAIT!
DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR!
OKAY.

DING
DOONG
DING
DOONG
STEP

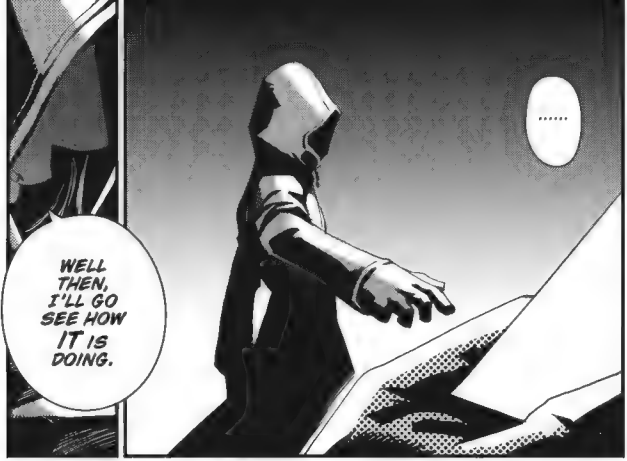
IT'S JUST LIKE THE LAST FLOOR...
—IT'S EMPTY.
BUMP
WELL, SORA? DID YOU ENJOY...
...MEETING THE ILLUSIONS OF YOUR MEMORIES?
OOPS. PARDON ME.
DON'T POP OUT LIKE THAT!

...SORA...
...IT WAS ALL CREATED FROM YOUR MEMORY.
IT WAS AN ILLUSION.
WHAT?
THE TOWN YOU JUST SAW...

I—!
NO WAY...
THEY WERE ALL...
JUST BELIEVE WHAT YOU FEEL IN YOUR HEART.
YOU MEAN, LEON AND AERITH...
THEY WERE MERELY DOLLS—PUPPETS—CREATED FROM YOUR MEMORY.

YOU MUST FOLLOW YOUR HIDDEN MEMORIES ...
...TO FIND THE ONE YOU HOLD DEAR.
DON'T YOU WANT TO BE REUNITED WITH YOUR FRIENDS?
BAM
!!
...THAT YOU'RE UP TO THE TASK.
FWOOP
BUT I'LL NEED TO MAKE SURE...

AN-OTHER ONE ?!
MIND IF I JOIN IN?
VNN
IT'S NO FUN, JUST WATCHING.
...
SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
SHFF
HMPH.
I GOT BORED, WHAT WITH YOU HOGGING THE HERO.
THEY MATCH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT ?
CATCH
PERHAPS I WOULD.
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TEST HIM.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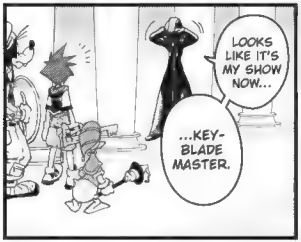
WELL THEN, I'LL GO SEE HOW IT IS DOING.

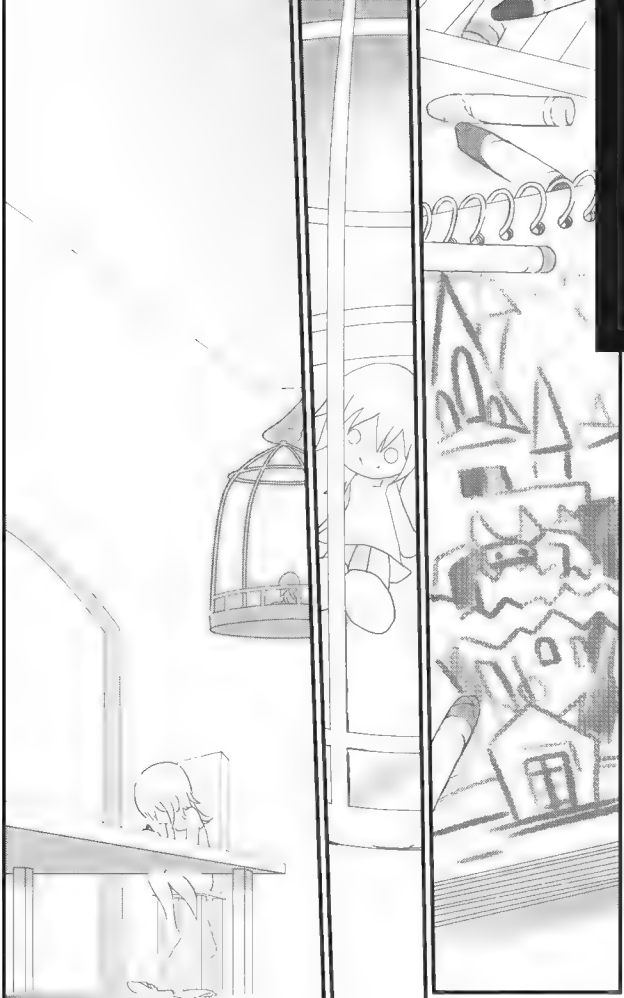

LOOKS LIKE IT'S MY SHOW NOW...
...KEY-BLADE MASTER.

SS...
SEE YA...

MY NAME IS AXEL.

WELL, THEN...
UM... SURE.
GOOD.
GOT IT MEMORIZED?
!!!
SHI
...LET THE GAMES BEGIN.
NG

NOW THAT YOU KNOW MY NAME...
...DON'T YOU GO FORGETTING IT ON ME TOO EASY, OKAY?



Card:03
Organization XIII

BAM
HERE I COME!
WHOOSH
!!!
GET DOWN!

NO FAIR THROWING STUFF!
AGH
YEAH, WELL.
!!

WHACK WHACK WHACK!
TRY DODGING THIS!
UGH...
NOW...
WH!
THAT'S ENOUGH!

VNN!
HEY, IF I GOT SKILLS, I GOTTA USE 'EM, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU CAN'T WARP! THAT'S CHEATING!
OH, SHUT UP!!
AND FEEL FREE TO JOIN IN ANYTIME, GUYS.
!!!
TAKE THIS!
WOOM

BLIZZARD!!
!
SNAP
FSHH
NOT QUITE.
DID I GET HIM?
HOW ABOUT THIS?!
OH, OH!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
NOT BAD, NOT BAD.
SO YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN YOUR MOVES.
CLANG

LET'S BACK HIM UP, GOOFY!
OKAY!
...HOW D'WE DO THAT?
NOW THAT I REMEMBER MY MAGIC, I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT I CAN REALLY DO!
BLIZZARD!!
FIZZLE
GUESS YA DON'T FULLY REMEMBER YET.
OKAY... SO I'M NOT QUITE UP TO SPEED YET...!
BAM
HA HA!
CAN'T WAIT! I'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU "CAN REALLY DO"!
FWOOM

OUCH! YEOW! OUCH!!
A-HYUCK, SO THAT'S HOW YOU "BACK UP"...
BWOH
YEOW!!!
WHY, YOU —!
BLIZZARD !!
SWOOSH
SNAP
YIKES!
WHOOSH?!
SNAP
DONALD, CALM DOWN!
WHOOSH
BLIZZARD!!
BLIZZARD!!
WHOOSH
BLIZZARD! BLIZZARD!!
BLIZZARD!
BLIZZARD!!
BLIZZARD!!

FREEE—ZE...
LOOK, I'M ICE-SKATING! A-HYUCK!
GLIDE
SORRY, I'VE BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRESS...
GOOFY, THIS IS NO TIME FOR FOOLING AROUND!
THAT'S ENOUGH !!!
!!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DO...
!
WHA —?!
SLIP
...ING?
KAPOW
A-HYUCK ...

SLIP
SLLIP
WAAAAH!!!
SHEF
T-TIME OUT!!
!!!
TRINITY POWER ACTIVATE.
*EXCERPT FROM LIFE ONCE MORE BY MARTIAL ARTIST SHIHOROU UNAGAMI
THERE ARE TIMES IN LIFE WHEN ONE IS FORCED INTO A CORNER. WHEN FACING SUCH A GRAVE SITUATION, IT IS ADVISABLE TO UTILIZE THE POWER OF "TRINITY," OR IN OTHER WORDS, THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP.

ABSOLUTE-ZERO FRIENDSHIP TOBOGGANING!!!
Z-SHAM
CHAAARGE!!

...!!
SPLAT
A-HYUCK...
OW, OW, OUCH...
YOU GUYS ARE A LOT OF FUN.
!
W-WE'RE NOT DONE YET!

I WANT YOU TO DO YOUR VERY BEST TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD.
WH-WHAT?!
HUH?
WELL, CONGRATS.
FWIP
YOU PASSED.
COME BACK!
OUR FIGHT'S NOT OVER!
I THINK IT IS.
WAIT UP!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PASSED"?! ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?!

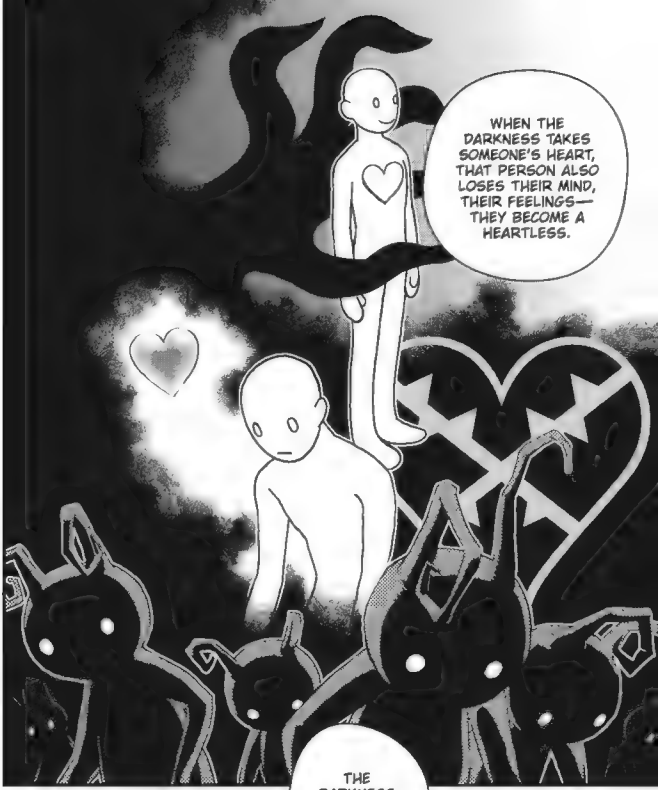
YOU HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THE LIGHT WITHIN THE DARKNESS.
WHAT ?
AND YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT YOU LOST SIGHT OF IT.
ARE YOU SURE THE PERSON YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS THE ONE WHO'S TRULY MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?
...?! OF COURSE I AM!
HEH.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.

KEEP GOING THROUGH THE CASTLE, AND YOU'LL FIND IT.
THE ANSWER IS IN YOUR HEART.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GIVE YOU A HINT?
IN THAT CASE, I HAVE JUST ONE WORD OF CAUTION.
CHAK
...NO!
I WANT TO FIGURE IT OUT FOR MYSELF.

WHEN YOUR SLEEPING MEMORIES AWAKEN...
...YOU MAY NO LONGER BE YOU.
?!
.....
SQUEEZE..

THIS SORA KID'S MEMORIES ARE PRETTY INTRIGUING.
VNN
YOU'RE SO CAREFUL PLAYING WITH HIM, AXEL.
I WOULD HAVE KICKED HIM AROUND SOME MORE.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
YEAH, WELL, I HAVE HEALTHIER HOBBIES THAN YOU, LARXENE.
YOU'RE INTER-ESTED IN HIS HEART.
BUT NOT BY HIS KEY-BLADE.
ANYWAY, YOU SEEM PRETTY TAKEN BY THIS SORA KID.
YOU MEAN AT HOLLOW BASTION?
HIS HEART WASN'T SWALLOWED BY DARKNESS...


WHEN THE DARKNESS TAKES SOMEONE'S HEART, THAT PERSON ALSO LOSES THEIR MIND, THEIR FEELINGS— THEY BECOME A HEARTLESS.
THE DARKNESS TAKES TOTAL CONTROL.

AT HOLLOW BASTION, HE TURNED INTO A HEARTLESS.
BUT HE HELD ON TO HIS FEELINGS.
WHY?
—MUST BE THAT "POWER OF THE HEART."
I GUESS IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS— HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE KEYBLADE, AFTER ALL.

HE IS LITERALLY THE KEY.
I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS THAT SLEEPS DEEP INSIDE HIS HEART.
VNN
TO UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF THE HEART—
THAT IS THE ORGANIZATION'S PURPOSE— OUR REASON FOR BEING.

I HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF CASTLE OBLIVION.
BAM
AND I WILL SEE THE PLAN THROUGH.

AXEL
NO.8 IN THE ORGANIZATION
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
MARLUXIA
NO.11 IN THE ORGANIZATION
PERFECTLY.
SO, BOSS, HOW IS IT DOING?
LARXENE
NO.12 IN THE ORGANIZATION

WHEN WILL SORA REMEMBER...
...HIS DEAR NAMINÉ?

SNAP

YOU CAN'T STAY UNCONSCIOUS FOREVER!
WAKE UP, YOU GUYS!
HUH? WHERE'S AXEL?
UH, KINDA LATE FOR THAT...
BAM
TALK ABOUT CAREFREE ...
A-HYUCK.
WOW, THAT WAS NICE OF HIM!
HE SAID TO USE THIS CARD TO GO FORWARD.

I HOPE WE FIND RIKU AND THE KING.
SO, WHAT WORLD ARE WE GOING TO NEXT?
SOME-THING WRONG, JIMINY?
?
UM...
DON'T WORRY!
HE...
...BUT AXEL SAID SOMETHING STRANGE TO SORA.
YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AWAKE FOR IT...
WHEN YOUR SLEEPING MEMORIES AWAKEN, YOU MAY NO LONGER BE YOU.

...IT FEELS LIKE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN IN THIS CASTLE.
A-HYUCK.
BUT HEY, IF THEY CAN MAKE A TOWN FROM SORA'S MEMORY...
...JUST SAID THAT TO SOUND MYSTERIOUS.
WELL, THAT'S ONE WAY TO THINK OF IT...
GAWRSH, DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT?!
GOOFY, YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT UP?
.....
WHEN WAS THAT?
HEY, REMEMBER THAT OTHER CREEPY CASTLE WE EXPLORED TOGETHER? WITH ALL THOSE WEIRD CONTRAPTIONS?

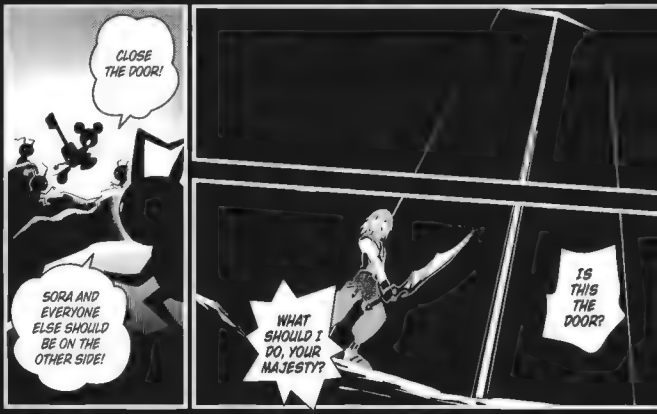
I DIDN'T MAKE IT UP!!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
.....
C'MON, LESS TALKING, MORE WALKING!
HOW COULD YOU FORGET THAT CASTLE?
IT WAS THE CASTLE WHERE SORA USED THE KEYBLADE TO FREE KAIRI'S HEART.
THEN HE DISAPPEARED FOR A WHILE, REMEMBER?

NOW I REMEMBER.
A-HYUCK!
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FORGET IT.
OH YEAH!
OH! THE TIME I TURNED INTO A HEART-LESS!
UMM ...
...
WHAT WAS THE PLACE CALLED, ANYWAY?
?!
WAIT...THAT HAPPENED... IN A CASTLE?
HOP
HERE, I CAN SAVE YOU SOME TIME AND ENERGY.
JUST LET ME CHECK MY JIMINY MEMO.
I...CAN'T REMEMBER!

I FORGOT ABOUT THE JIMINY MEMO.
WHEW!
GREAT IDEA.
?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
NEVER THOUGHT IT'D HELP OUT LIKE THIS. HMM...
FLIP
EVERY PAGE IS BLANK!!
IT'S ALL GONE!
I'M SO CAREFUL WITH MY JOURNALS!
HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAP-PENED?
WHAT?!

IT'S ALL GONE. ALL THAT HARD WORK, GONE...
IT'S GONE.
SO OUR MEMO-RIES...
...ARE VANISHING?
WHAT KIND OF CASTLE IS THIS ...?!

# *Card:04* The Scent of Darkness


CLOSE THE DOOR!
SORA AND EVERYONE ELSE SHOULD BE ON THE OTHER SIDE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO, YOUR MAJESTY?
IS THIS THE DOOR?

SORA!
ALL RIGHT!
LET'S CLOSE THE DOOR!
OUTTA MY WAY, HEARTLESS!

IT WON'T BUDGE!
IT'S SO HEAVY...
IF I CAN GET THROUGH THIS DOOR, I CAN GO BACK TO MY WORLD.
...I CAN GO BACK TO SORA AND KAIRI...
DON'T GIVE UP!!
NOW, SORA! LET'S CLOSE THIS DOOR FOR GOOD!
RUMBLE RUMBLE...
COME ON, SORA! TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!
BUT WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU TWO?
HURRY!

WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
SORA...
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A DOOR TO THE LIGHT.
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL BE BACK. I PROMISE.
TAKE CARE OF HER.
BOOM!!
To close the door to darkness from both sides, we'll need two keys and two hearts.
A door we can't pass through—— the door to darkness.

KING MICKEY ?
KING MICKEY, WHERE ARE YOU?
AND AFTER THAT...I CAN'T REMEMBER.
DID WE ESCAPE THE DARK-NESS?
YOUR MAJESTY ...
SLEEP, AND LEAVE THE WAR WITH DARKNESS IN HIS HANDS.
SLEEP HERE, BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARK.
BETWEEN... WHAT?
YOUR KING IS FAR AWAY.
?!
WHO'S THERE ?!

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW FEAR OR PAIN AGAIN.

HERE, BLANKETED BY LIGHT, SLEEP IS SAFETY. SLEEP IS ETERNAL.

TAKE IT, AND YOUR SLEEP ENDS AS YOU TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE TRUTH.

IT IS A DOOR TO THE TRUTH.

WHAT'S THIS?

THE TRUTH WILL BRING YOU PAIN. WILL YOU STILL GO?
A CARD?
YEAH, WELL... SEEMS LIKE A BORING PLACE TO TAKE A NAP ANYWAY.
WELL SAID, RIKU.

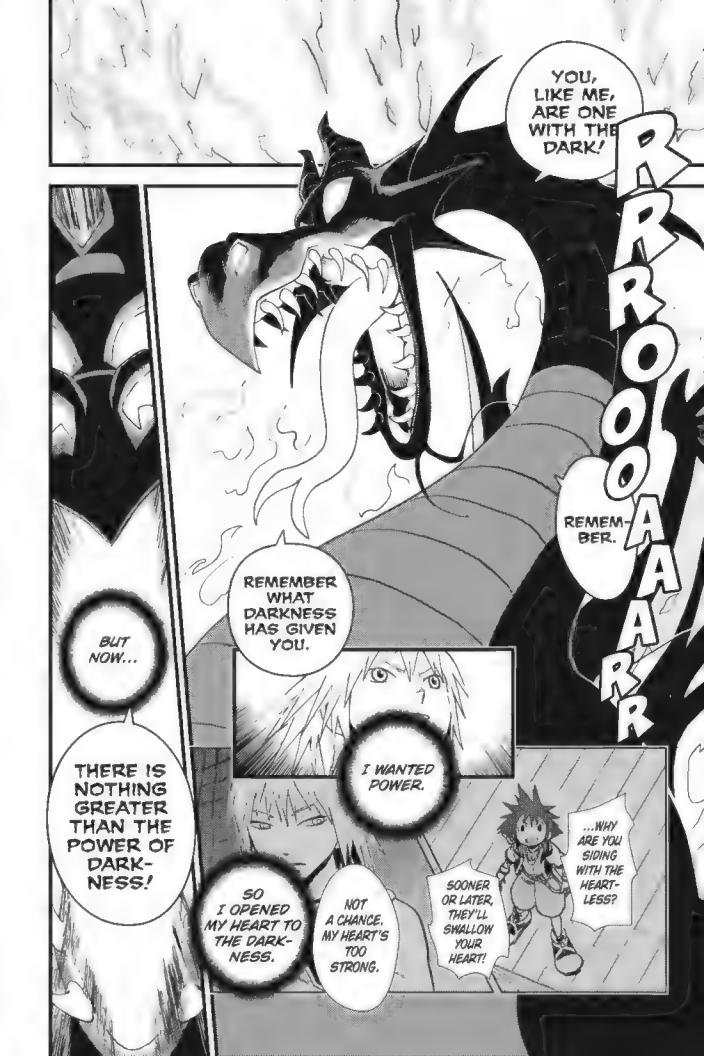
!
YES. HOLLOW BASTION.
THIS IS...
AND THIS IS THE ROOM MALEFICENT GAVE YOU.

TO REACH THE OUTSIDE WORLD, YOU PASSED THROUGH THE DOOR TO DARKNESS.
LURED BY THE VOICE OF DARKNESS, YOU CAME HERE.
I DON'T KNOW.
I'D RATHER NOT RECALL.
HOW WAS IT, LIVING IN THIS ROOM?

SO WHAT IF I DID?
YOU LEFT BEHIND FAMILY, FRIENDS, HOME— EVERYTHING...
...ALL IN PURSUIT OF DARKNESS.

THIS WORLD WAS CREATED FROM YOUR MEMORIES.
WHAT?
WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I'M NOT WHO I WAS BACK THEN.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S NOTHING BUT HEARTLESS IN THIS CASTLE.
YOU SHOULD MEET THOSE YOU MISS MOST.
!
LOOK AROUND. HERE YOU CAN SEE THAT WHICH EXISTS IN YOUR HEART.

SO WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO MEET?
.....
NO ONE'S HERE EITHER.
I'M SORRY TO DIS-APPOINT YOU.
FWOOM
DID YOU THINK YOU WOULD SEE YOUR FRIENDS?
THE ONE THING YOU WISH FOR WITH ALL YOUR HEART...
...IS DARK-NESS.
MALEF-ICENT!


YOU, LIKE ME, ARE ONE WITH THE DARK!
RRROOOAAARR
REMEMBER.
REMEMBER WHAT DARKNESS HAS GIVEN YOU.
BUT NOW...
I WANTED POWER.
...WHY ARE YOU SIDING WITH THE HEARTLESS?
SOONER OR LATER, THEY'LL SWALLOW YOUR HEART!
THERE IS NOTHING GREATER THAN THE POWER OF DARKNESS!
SO I OPENED MY HEART TO THE DARKNESS.
NOT A CHANCE. MY HEART'S TOO STRONG.

NOTHING...
GREATER...
THERE IS—?!
SLASH

I'VE HAD ENOUGH REGRET.
YOU GO AHEAD AND KEEP DROWNING IN DARKNESS.

DARKNESS IS YOUR WEAPON.
WHY DO YOU SHUN THE DARKNESS?
!
I KNOW IT'S YOU.
ENOUGH ALREADY.
ANSEM.

SO LET ME GUESS... YOU WANT TO PULL ME BACK INTO THE DARKNESS ...
...AND PLAY PUPPET MASTER AGAIN... RIGHT?
CLEVER BOY.
THEN ARE YOU READY TO BE MY ARMS AND LEGS ONCE MORE?
DON'T YOU WANT THE POWER AGAIN...?
THE POWER YOU ONCE HAD?

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD DO ME HARM? YOU, A WEAKLING WHO STILL REJECTS DARKNESS?
—NOT A CHANCE!
!!
NO LIGHT WILL EVER REACH YOU AGAIN.
YOU CAN TURN AWAY, BUT SOONER OR LATER, THE DARKNESS INSIDE YOU WILL CONSUME YOU.
YOU'RE WRONG!
!
...YOU REFUSED THE DARK-NESS.
AND YOU WILL RUE THE DAY...

LISTEN CLOSE, RIKU.
THE LIGHT'LL NEVER GIVE UP ON YOU.
IT WILL ALWAYS FIND YOU, EVEN IN THE DEEPEST DARKNESS!
YOUR MAJ-ESTY?!
BUT YOU HAVE TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO SEE IT!
YOU CLING TO WORDS OF SYMPATHY?
I PITY YOU.
VERY WELL. GO FORWARD, AND YOU WILL SEE YOUR HOPE TURN TO DESPAIR.

CHASING THE LIGHT WILL NOT DISTANCE YOU FROM THE DARK. YOU CANNOT RUN.
YOU WILL LEARN— YOUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO SUR-RENDER.
WHO'S RUNNING? I'LL PLAY YOUR GAME.
AND IN THE END, IF I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP... I WIN.
THEN I HAVE ONE MORE GIFT FOR YOU.

!!
THIS POWER WELLING UP INSIDE OF ME?
WHAT'S THIS...?
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
I TEMPERED THE DARKNESS THAT REMAINS IN YOUR HEART.
I'M SURE YOU WILL FIND IT USEFUL.

I DON'T WANT IT!
FIGHT IT ALL YOU LIKE.
BUT YOU NEED TO BE AWARE...
...OF THE SCENT OF DARKNESS PERMEATING YOUR BONES.

ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT A HEARTLESS ?
EXPLAIN, ZEXION.
YOU DETECT SOMETHING IN THE CASTLE'S LOWEST BASEMENT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I PICKLED THESE MYSELF.

Job Chart
Oblivion
Dishes
Zexion
Vexen
Lexaeus
Bathroom Sweeping
Cooking
Garbage Disposal
Make sure to say hello.
Xigbar's objective

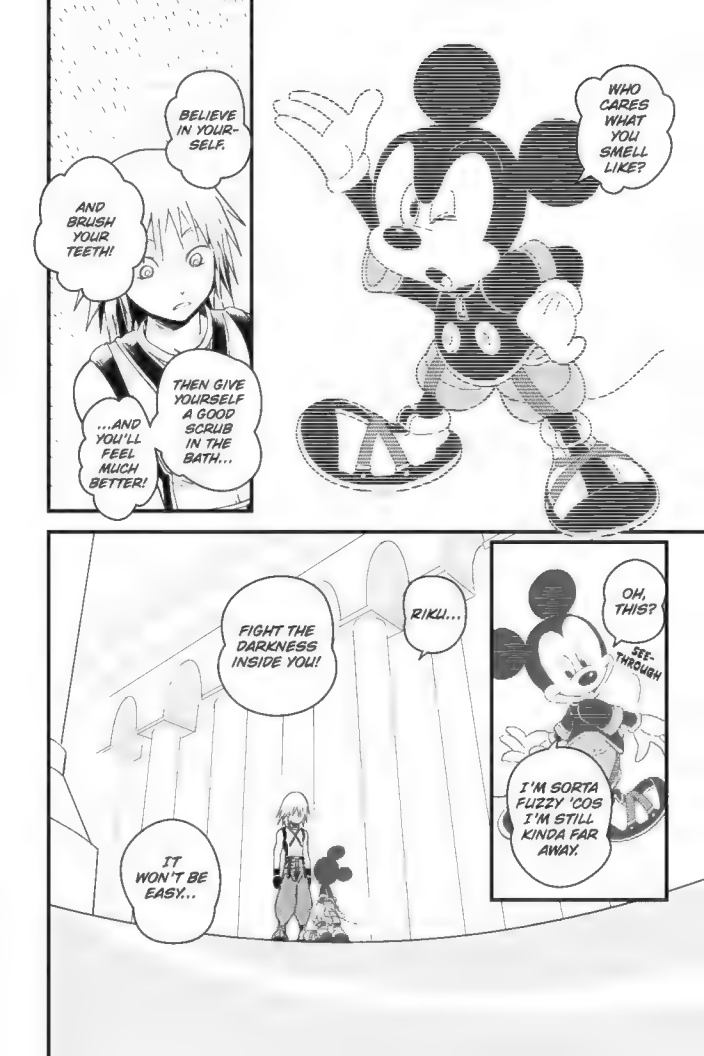
I PICKED UP TWO SCENTS. THE FIRST WAS MALEFICENT.
ZEXION
NO.6 IN THE ORGANIZATION
LEXAEUS
NO.5 IN THE ORGANIZATION
A DOUBLE CREATED FROM A CARD.
VEXEN
NO.4 IN THE ORGANIZATION

IGNORE
IGNORE
IGNORE
AND THE WAY THEY SPEAK TO THEIR ELDERS!
UM... MAY I CONTINUE?
THEY HARDLY SPARE ME A SECOND GLANCE, LET ALONE OFFER A WORD OF GREETING!
AND THE OTHER SCENT BELONGED TO...
MARLUXIA AND THE OTHERS MUST BE UP TO SOMETHING ABOVE-GROUND.
THOSE DISRESPECTFUL HOOLIGANS, SNEAKING AROUND ABOVE-GROUND!
THEY HAVE NO SENSE OF SOLIDARITY!

I HAD NO IDEA YOU FELT SO DISRESPECTED ...
VEXEN ...
NEVER MIND! JUST GET ON WITH IT ALREADY!
THAT'S WHY OUR GOAL FOR THE MONTH IS TO MAKE SURE TO SAY HELLO—
YES, GREETINGS ARE VITAL.
BUT THERE IS ONE THING...
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE AND THAT KING WERE LOST WHEN THEY VENTURED BEYOND THE DOOR TO DARKNESS.
RIKU?!
THE OTHER SCENT BELONGED ...
SO SIMILAR, THEY'RE ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME.
HIS SCENT IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE SUPERIOR'S.
...TO RIKU.

MAYBE THEY'RE USING THE SAME COLOGNE?
SLUMP
BUT YOU NEED TO BE AWARE...
...OF THE SCENT OF DARKNESS PERMEATING YOUR BONES.
HEH.
HA HA...
SNIFF...
.....

RIKU.
MAYBE THERE IS NO TURNING BACK...
PER-MEATING MY BONES, HUH?
DON'T WORRY, RIKU.
WHAT IF I OPEN MY EYES, BUT STILL ONLY SEE DARK-NESS?
DO YOU REALLY THINK I CAN REACH THE LIGHT?
YOUR MAJ-ESTY.
DON'T GIVE UP ON YOURSELF!


BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
AND BRUSH YOUR TEETH!
...AND YOU'LL FEEL MUCH BETTER!
THEN GIVE YOURSELF A GOOD SCRUB IN THE BATH...
WHO CARES WHAT YOU SMELL LIKE?
FIGHT THE DARKNESS INSIDE YOU!
RIKU...
IT WON'T BE EASY...
OH, THIS?
SEE-THROUGH
I'M SORTA FUZZY 'COS I'M STILL KINDA FAR AWAY.

...BUT...
...EVEN IN THE DARKEST DARKNESS...
...THERE'S ALWAYS A LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT.
NEVER FORGET THAT.
YOU AND I HAVE SEEN IT!
THE FAR-OFF, WELCOMING LIGHT INSIDE THE DOOR TO DARKNESS...

SO PLEASE ...
IT'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY.
OH YEAH. HA HA HA.
GIVE ME SOME CREDIT. I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
YOUR MAJ-ESTY.

LET'S MAKE A PROMISE ...
HE'S NOT GONNA GET HIS WAY.

SWF
I'LL GET TO YOU AS SOON AS I CAN.
DOES THAT HANDSHAKE COUNT?
MY HAND PASSES RIGHT THROUGH YOURS.
WE SHOOK HANDS IN OUR HEARTS.
WE'RE CONNECTED, YOU AND ME.
I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE.

THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.
RIKU WAS ONCE ONE WITH DARKNESS. PERHAPS THAT MADE HIM HALF-DARK.

THEN IT WAS STRONG DARK POWER THAT FACILITATED RIKU'S ESCAPE FROM THE REALM OF DARKNESS.
HOW IRONIC.
AND THAT'S WHY I MISTOOK HIM FOR THE SUPERIOR.
NOT BECAUSE OF HIS COLOGNE.
ALL RIGHT ALREADY.
YOU'VE IGNITED VEXEN'S PASSION FOR SCIENCE.
ONCE HE TAKES AN INTEREST IN SOMETHING, HE'LL NEVER LET IT GO.
EVEN SO, HE IS A VERY UNIQUE SPECIMEN.
I SHALL HAVE TO COLLECT MORE DATA.
CLICK
ARE YOU SAYING SORA CALLED HIM HERE?
THAT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE.
HIS EXISTENCE RESONATES WITH THAT OF ANOTHER HERO.
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHY RIKU APPEARED HERE IN CASTLE OBLIVION.
AND WITHOUT ANY HELP...

JUST LIKE LIGHT AND SHADOW.

IF MARLUXIA OBTAINS SORA, THEN WE NEED ONLY ACQUIRE RIKU.
HEH HEH HEH!

## *Card:05* Uncertainty

EVEN OUR WRITTEN RECORDS ARE DISAPPEARING!
SO...
...THE FARTHER UP WE GO, THE MORE WE FORGET?
DOES THAT MEAN WE'LL FORGET EVERYTHING AND EVERY-BODY?

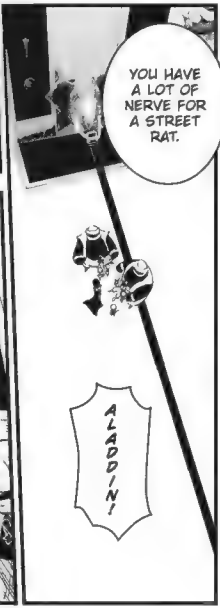
A-HYUCK!
...AND WHY WE CAME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE...
WE'LL FORGET WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO...
...AND THEN I GUESS WE'LL JUST LIVE HERE IN THIS CASTLE FOREVER.
HE'S STILL OUR GOOFY...
OBLIV-ION!
WELL, Y'KNOW, THEY DO CALL IT CASTLE OBO...OBA... OBLIVIVIAN.
...WHAT?
OOH!
WE SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT THAT FELLA SAID!
OH... THAT WAS SURPRISINGLY INSIGHTFUL OF YOU.

WE MIGHT FORGET ABOUT THE KING.
!!
JIMINY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
BUT WE MAY VERY WELL LOSE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT.
IN THIS PLACE, TO FIND IS TO LOSE... AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND.
WE'RE STILL OKAY, SO FAR.
I COULD FORGET ABOUT RIKU AND KAIRI...
JUST LIKE LEON AND YUFFIE FORGOT ABOUT US...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF YOU BEFORE IN MY LIFE.
WHY SHOULD I? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET!

WH—
DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

AH!

LET ME GO!


YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE FOR A STREET RAT.
ALADDIN!

JAFAR, DON'T HURT HIM!
PRINCESS JASMINE...

AS ROYAL VIZIER, I SIMPLY CANNOT ALLOW IT.
SSSS...
YOU REALLY MUSTN'T ASSOCIATE WITH VERMIN LIKE HIM.
CLICK CLACK
WHAP
BUT JUST THIS ONCE, I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE.
IF I WERE SULTAN, I WOULD RID THE STREETS OF YOUR ILK!
OOH.
KIN

A LAMP?
YES.
THERE IS A CAVE OF WONDERS OUT IN THE DESERT. INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND A LAMP.
BRING IT TO ME, AND I'LL LET YOU SEE YOUR PRECIOUS PRINCESS AGAIN.
WHOOSH

IF WE DON'T FIND ANY CLUES IN THIS WORLD...
...LET'S GET OUT OF THE CASTLE.
IT'S BETTER THAN LOSING WHAT MEMORIES WE HAVE LEFT.
UM...
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE...
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT.
THAT MEANS THE OBLIVION'S SPREADING!
LOOK, I HAVE NO MEMORY OF THIS THING!

MAYBE THIS WHOLE TOWN IS WRONG!
WELL, IT IS MADE FROM SORA'S MEMORIES.
GEE, THANKS A LOT...
NO ONE'S AROUND, SO WE'LL NEED TO SEARCH EVERY INCH OF THIS PLACE.
A-HYUCK! HELLO THERE!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
LOOK! SOME-ONE!
WHOA!
SORRY!
STOMP STOMP STOMP
HEY, THAT'S —?!
WAAK!!!

WE'D BETTER DO SOMETHING!
....
HE'S GOT HEARTLESS CHASING HIM!
!
!!
THIS ISN'T GOOD...
!
THEY'RE AFTER THE LAMP!
WOOSH

LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME HELP, ALADDIN!
AND THIS PLACE IS AGRABAH!
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S ALADDIN!
ALAD... DIN?!
WATCH OUT!
LEAVE THIS TO US, ALAD-DIN!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WOW, YOU GUYS ARE TOUGH.
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
UM... WELL...
WAIT A MINUTE ...
HAVE WE... MET?
NO... I DON'T THINK SO.

ALL I EVER SEE AROUND HERE ARE HEARTLESS.
NOPE, HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE LIKE THEM.
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU SEEN...
I HAVE TO TAKE THIS LAMP TO THE PALACE.
—OH, SORRY.
BUT I'LL HELP YOU GUYS LOOK WHEN I'M DONE, OKAY?
ARE THEY FRIENDS OF YOURS?
RUB RUB
HUH, THIS LAMP IS KINDA DUSTY.

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
WHOA!
RATTLE RATTLE
ナナナ

FANFARE, PLEASE!
AS WE PRESENT TO YOU, THE ONE, THE ONLY GENIE OF THE LAMP!

GAPE
I WANT TO GRANT THREE WISHES!
-CLAP-
-CLAP-
ONE RUB OF THE LAMP WILL INSTANTLY CONNECT YOU TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL GUIDE TO YOUR FONDEST DREAMS!
AND WHO'S THE LUCKY ONE THAT RUBBED THE LAMP?
-FLASH-
-FLASH-
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME CALLING YOU AL.
ALL RIGHT, AL!
ALADDIN
MAKE ANY WISH YOU WANT!!
HEYA, HANDSOME.
WHAT DO THEY CALL YA?
A-ALADDIN ...

I WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE...
SO YOU FEEL LIKE THE PIZZA BOY WHO STOLE A SLICE OF HIS DELIVERY.
UM... WELL...
SORRY, I RUBBED THE LAMP BY MISTAKE.
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RUBBED THE LAMP, SO YOU'RE MY MASTER!

GZHNN
NG
AND YA BETTER MAKE SOME WISHES!
YOU CAN GRANT ANY WISH?
Y—
AH, ALMOST. THERE ARE A FEW PROVISOS, BUT GENERALLY, YES.
FLAP
FLAP
JAFAR!
JAFAR!!

FLAP FLAP FLAP
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEARTLESS I SENT OUT FOR THE LAMP?
ALADDIN LEARNED THE SECRET OF THE LAMP!
HE SUM-MONED THE GENIE!
SETTLE DOWN, IAGO.
I HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND.
WHOOM
SQUAWK
SQUAWK
SOME WEIRDOES SHOWED UP AND WIPED 'EM ALL OUT!
WHAT'LL WE DO?!

HE WILL GIVE ME THE LAMP.

MWAH-HA... MWAH-HA-HA!!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF MAKING ME GO GET IT, ARE YOU?

MWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!

YOU REALLY MADE ME A PRINCE!
THIS IS GREAT!
AT EASE, GENTLE-MEN!
HE'S REALLY INTO THIS PRINCE THING...
SERVANTS ?!
AND YOUR SERVANTS COULDN'T BE HAPPIER!

AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT STUCK-UP VIZIER CAN SAY TO STOP ME!
NOW I CAN PROPOSE TO JASMINE!

WELL ...
WHAT DO YOU NEED?
OKAY, YOU'VE GOT TWO MORE WISHES!

WHAT A SELFLESS MASTER!
SOME MASTERS BEG ME, "GIMME MORE WISHES!"
NOT THAT I CAN, OF COURSE.

I DON'T KNOW...
I'M PRETTY SATISFIED WITH THIS!
!!

UM ...
C'MON, THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME-THING!

...
ME? NO ONE'S EVER ASKED ME THAT BEFORE...
WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR, GENIE?
WELL, SURE, BUT...
I'M SURE EVEN A GREAT GENIE HAS A WISH OR TWO, RIGHT?
...IT'S A DREAM YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY IMAGINE!

Card:06
Wish

WHAT COULD IT BE...?
AN UNIMAGINABLE DREAM?!
A NEW HAIRDO?
A LOT OF MONEY AND FAME?
A LONGER SUMMER VACATION?
YOU WANT YOUR OWN STAR?
NO, THAT CAN'T BE IT.
THE CORRECT ANSWER IS...
HERE'S YOUR CONSOLATION PRIZE, A PAIR OF SOCKS!
BZZZZT, WRONG!! TOO BAD!

MY WISH...
...IS FOR FREEDOM.
THAT'S RIGHT...
FREEDOM.
FREEDOM ...?
I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THIS LAMP FOR MILLENNIA ...
...DOING NOTHING BUT GRANTING MY MASTERS' WISHES.
POOF! WHAT DO YOU NEED?
POOF! WHAT DO YOU NEED?

BUT, ANYWAY ...
WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT YOUR WISH!
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO BE RELEASED FROM THIS ITTY-BITTY LIVING SPACE...
...AND BE FREE TO TRAVEL ALL OVER THE WORLD...
DING DING DING
THIS ISN'T A CHANCE YOU GET EVERY DAY!
SO WHAT'S IT GONNA BE, MASTER?!
ANYTHING FOR YOU, MASTER!
I WISH FOR...
OKAY, GENIE.

GENIE, YOU'RE FREE!
...YOUR FREEDOM.
!
SHING

CLANG
I'M FREE !!!
FREE?
I COULD EVEN GO TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE!
EGYPT, ROME, CHINA, TOKYO, HAWAII...
WHERE SHOULD I GO?! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?
HE'S BEEN GRANTING EVERYONE ELSE'S WISHES.
IT'S MY WAY OF THANKING HIM FOR MAKING ME A PRINCE.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
I REALLY OWE YOU, AL! YOU'RE MY MOON, MY STARS, MY SUN! MY KING OF THE HEAVENS!
ZOOM
YAHOO!!
I'M FREEEE!!!

SALE
TURBANS
LOW PRICES!!
I HAVE AN IDEA.
HE'S GONE...
THAT VIZIER IS NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY.
DOOM
ズシ
YOU'RE TRYING MY PATIENCE, STREET RAT.

HOW DARE YOU, AFTER USING MY LAMP...?
SO LET ME SEE JASMINE.
YOU CAN HAVE THE LAMP.
AND THOSE CLOTHES. DO YOU THINK THEY MAKE YOU A PRINCE?
I AM A PRINCE.
AND I WANT TO SEE THE PRINCESS.
IS THAT SO?

LET ME GO!
DON'T FORGET THAT I HOLD THE CARDS.
NGH...
YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PRINCESS IF YOU CALL THE GENIE.
I WOULDN'T DO THAT.
YES!
FLAP
IT'S SO EASY TO SEE THROUGH YOUR PITIFUL SCHEME.

SILENCE
?
RUB
RUB
AT LAST !!
HA HA HA HA HA!
MAYBE YOU GOTTA RUB IT A LITTLE HARDER.
WHAT? GENIE, I SUMMON YOU!
?!
TA-DAH!
RUB
ARGH!

TA-DAH
WE'RE HERE TO GRANT YOU THREE WISHES!
BEHOLD! WE ARE THE THREE GENIES!
.....
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THIS.
I CAN'T GET MY TURBAN ON RIGHT ...
LOOK, OUR PLAN'S WORKING.
BOW
AH, AT LAST!
GENIES, GRANT ME MY FIRST WISH...
OH, SURE— I MEAN, YES, MASTER!
?
STARE
WE'LL PRETEND TO GRANT HIS WISHES THEN HELP JASMINE ESCAPE.

ABRA-CADABRA !!!
...I WISH TO RULE ON HIGH, AS SULTAN!
NOW ...
—YES, MASTER!
ARE YOU CRAZY—
PLEASE SPEAK TO THAT PEDESTRIAN OVER THERE.
NOT EVEN MY CLOTHES!
NOTHING'S CHANGED!
...
GAWRSH! IT'S THE SULTAN!
YOU THERE!
COULD I HAVE YER AUTO-GRAPH ?
NOT SO, MASTER!

THERE, ARE YOU HAPPY? NOW LET JASMINE GO!
HMM...
IT'LL JUST TAKE A WHILE FOR THE REALITY OF IT TO SET IN.
GASP
WHEEZE
GASP
WHEEZE
HFFI
HFFI
HFFI


.....
NOT SO FAST...

GENIES, FOR MY SECOND WISH...
...I WISH FOR PRINCESS JASMINE TO FALL DESPERATELY IN LOVE WITH ME!
!
YANK
A MONARCH NEEDS HIS QUEEN.
JAFAR...

HE'S REALLY GETTING CARRIED AWAY, HUH?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
DO IT!!
WHAT?!
DO AS I SAY!
IF WE'RE GOING TO GET HIM, NOW'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
!!
AAAAHH!!
WHAT?

SWISH
TOOK HIM LONG ENOUGH!
FOLLOW ALADDIN!
GENIES, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WHAT?!
IT'S THE KID WITH THE SPIKY HAIR!
JAFAR, THEY'RE WITH ALADDIN!
NOO!
DON'T MOVE!
ALAD-DIN!
WHAM!
WHOOSH

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU STREET RATS!
TRYING TO OUTSMART ME, ARE WE?
PLAY-ACTING WITH A FAKE LAMP...
CLAAANG!
WHERE'S THE REAL LAMP?!
CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER...
HA! THE REAL GENIE'S NOT—
SO SORRY I'M LATE!!!

GENIE?!
...100% AUTHENTIC GENIE OF THE LAMP!
THE GENUINE, BONA FIDE...
HOW CAN I BE CERTAIN YOU'RE THE REAL THING?!
LIKE SO!
MMPH! MMPH!
ZZZZP!
WHY'D YOU COME BA—?
OH!
SNAP
SNAP OF THE FINGERS AND BOOM!

EXCELLENT! YOU ARE THE REAL DEAL!
THAT OUTFIT'S FREE OF CHARGE.
GENIE!
I WISH TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL SORCERER IN THE WORLD!
MWAH-HA-HA-HA!
WINK
ALL THE WORLD WILL BOW BEFORE ME!!
BOOOING
WHILE YOU LOOK ON IN HUMILIATION!

DON'T TELL ME, YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE GUYS LOOKING FOR ALMIGHTY POWER?
A SORCERER ...?
.....
...IF IT'S TRUE ALMIGHTY POWER YOU WANT, WHAT YOU SHOULD SAY IS...
JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME...
THAT'S RIGHT, SO HURRY IT UP!
MUMBLE MUMBLE
A SORCERER CAN'T USE ANY MAGIC UNTIL AFTER HE'S LEARNED THE SPELLS.
BUT A GENIE CAN MAKE ANY WISH COME TRUE!
..."I WISH TO BECOME A GENIE."

GENIE?
WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?
I SEE...
A GENIE, EH?
IF JAFAR BECOMES A GENIE...
IF EVERYONE BECAME A GENIE, I'D BE OUT OF A JOB!
OH!
THERE IS ONE THING THAT WORRIES ME, THOUGH.
...
...YOU MIGHT LIKE IT ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT.
I'M NOT TOO FOND OF THE IDEA OF GOING AROUND NEARLY NAKED.
RUMBLE RUMBLE...
YES-SIRREE!
MAKE ME INTO AN ALL-POWERFUL GENIE!
VERY WELL, I CHANGE MY WISH.

YEEESSS!!
KABOOM
THERE'S NO CATCH ?!
URGH!!
THE POWER !!
THE ABSOLUTE POWER! THE UNIVERSE IS MINE TO COMMAND!
MWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!

JAFAR!!
YOU WANTED THE POWER OF A GENIE, YOU GOT IT!
AND THE BITTER FATE THAT COMES WITH IT!
WHAT?!

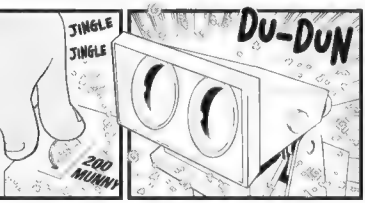
SHOONK
FLICK!
BUH-BYE!
FOR ABOUT 10,000 YEARS!
YOINK
NOW GO TO YOUR NEW "ITTY-BITTY LIVING SPACE" AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
WHY?
YOU'RE FREE...
AND HE WON'T BE NEEDING YOU GUYS ANYMORE EITHER.
POOF
GENIE ...!

HUG
BECAUSE I'M FREE.
I WANTED TO HELP YOU, ALADDIN.
THANK YOU, AL.
GENIE...
BEING ABLE TO FOLLOW MY HEART IS THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD!

YOU'VE HELPED ME ENOUGH ALREADY!
THAT WASN'T EXACTLY YOUR WISH, THOUGH.
...YOU DO HAVE ONE MORE WISH!
AND...
CALL ME A WORKAHOLIC, BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT!
DON'T YOU HAVE THIS BACKWARD ?!
ANY-THING!
PLEASE MAKE A WISH!
COME ON, YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSING ME!
SQUISH
SQUISH
HOW ABOUT CELEBRATING YOUR WEDDING IN GRAND STYLE?
THIS IS A BIG CITY.
YOU HELPED ME OUT. NOW IT'S MY TURN TO HELP YOU.
COULD YOU HELP FIND THEM?
NO PROBLEMO!
AH! D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT US— WE'LL FIND THEM ON OUR OWN...
OKAY.
SORA, DONALD, AND GOOFY ARE SEARCHING FOR THEIR FRIENDS.

GENIE, COULD YOU PLEASE?
OH MY. YOUR FRIENDS HAVE MIGHTY INTERESTING FACES...
JUST KIDDING!

WHRRR
RISE! OBSERVATION TOWER!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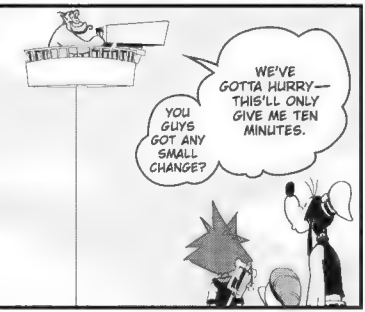
JINGLE
DU-DUN
ZOO MUNNY


YOU GUYS GOT ANY SMALL CHANGE?
WE'VE GOTTA HURRY— THIS'LL ONLY GIVE ME TEN MINUTES.

UH-HUH.
RIKU AND THE KING, RIGHT?

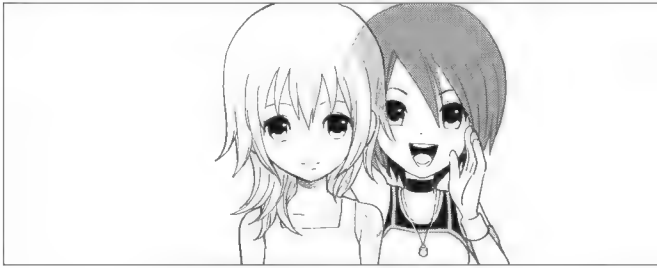
LET'S SEE...
I DON'T SEE THEM ANYWHERE IN THE CITY.
NOT EVEN WITH MY SECOND SIGHT!
WELL...
.....
THANKS ANYWAY ...
LET'S GO.

!
THEY'RE PROBABLY IN ANOTHER WORLD.
OH... NEVER MIND.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IF I'M NEARBY, THAT IS.
JUST YELL "GENIE!" AND I'LL FLY TO YOUR RESCUE.
I HOPE YOU FIND YOUR FRIENDS.

ANOTHER WORLD?!
SORA?!
I WAS JUST REMEMBERING...
JUST KIDDING.
DAH HA!
IS THE OBLIVION SPREADING?
UH-OH!
YOU SAID WE'D STOP IF WE COULDN'T FIND ANY CLUES...
DID I SAY THAT?
I KNEW WE'D FIND SOMETHING HERE.
...THE FEELING I HAD WHEN I ENTERED THIS CASTLE.

IF WE GIVE UP 'COS WE'RE AFRAID TO LOSE OUR MEMORIES...
...I KNOW WE'LL REGRET IT FOREVER.
AND I STILL FEEL IT HERE IN MY HEART.
I GUESS THERE'S NO STOPPING YOU...
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH!

...TO KAIRI.
I'M GOING TO FIND RIKU AND GO BACK HOME...



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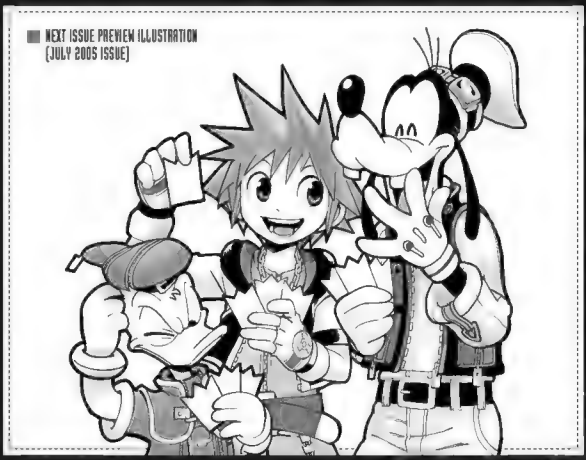

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...HAVE SOME FUN!

# TRANSFORM SORA

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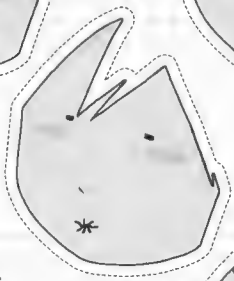
★DOPEY



★SOUR MOUTH

★DISAPPOINTED

★THE LOOK

Disney
SQUARE ENIX
CHAIN OF MEMORIES

# KINGDOM HEARTS
## CHAIN OF MEMORIES

EXAMPLE:

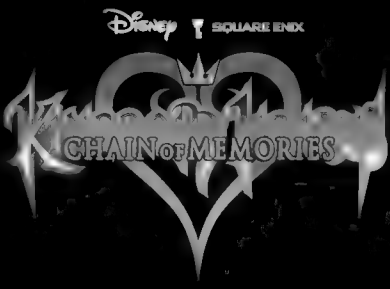


VOILA!
SOURPUSS SORA!

YOU CAN COLOR HIM IN TOO!

### HOW TO TRANSFORM SORA

1. COPY PAGE 200 AND CUT OUT THE FACES.
2. PUT A FACE IN PLACE, LINING IT UP WITH THE OUTLINE OF SORA'S FACE.
3. ALL DONE!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CASTLE OBLIVION, BASEMENT LEVEL TEN
VNN.
RIKU...
...I PRESUME?
.....
WHO'RE YOU?
COME WITH ME.

# *Card:07* Memories

I REMEMBER!
CASTLE OBLIVION, FIFTH FLOOR
HUH?
JUST NOW. I WAS...
...I WAS THINKING ABOUT FINDING RIKU...
...AND GOING HOME TO OUR ISLAND AND TO KAIRI.
WHAT ARE YOU SHOUTING ABOUT, SORA?

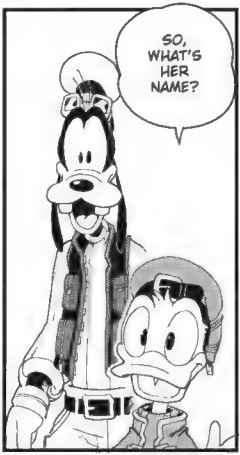
AND I REMEMBERED.
THERE WAS ANOTHER GIRL I WAS FRIENDS WITH.
YOU MEAN BESIDES RIKU AND KAIRI?
WELL, I'LL BE!
WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?
SEEMS TO ME THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER MENTIONED HER.
I'D BETTER ADD THAT TO MY JIMINY MEMO— I'M STARTING IT OVER FROM SCRATCH.
IT'LL BE MUCH BETTER THAN THE OLD ONE!
STUB-BORN LITTLE BUG...
Scritch Scritch Scritch
Scritch Scritch

SHE WAS QUIET.
AND... OH YEAH.
SHE WAS ALWAYS DRAWING PICTURES.
SHE DREW PICTURES OF US ALL THE TIME.

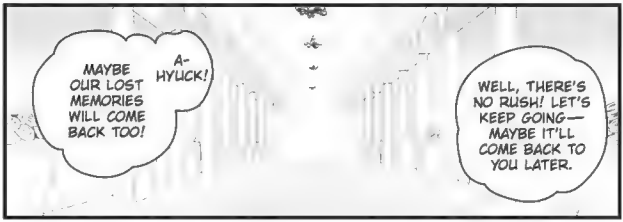
SHE PROBABLY MOVED SOMEWHERE.
BUT THEN ONE DAY, SHE WAS GONE.
IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS REALLY LITTLE.
I WONDER WHY IT'S SUDDENLY COMING BACK TO ME NOW.
I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT HER.
HMM...

WE ALL THOUGHT THAT GOING FARTHER INTO THE CASTLE WOULD ONLY MAKE US LOSE OUR MEMORIES.
BUT REMEMBER WHAT THE FELLOW IN THE HOOD SAID.
"IN THIS PLACE, TO FIND IS TO LOSE, AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND"—
MAYBE HE MEANT THAT AS WE GO ON, WE'LL FIND MEMORIES THAT WE'D FORGOTTEN!

HER NAME IS...


SO, WHAT'S HER NAME?

...I CAN'T REMEMBER.
UM...


MAYBE OUR LOST MEMORIES WILL COME BACK TOO!
A-HYUCK!
WELL, THERE'S NO RUSH! LET'S KEEP GOING— MAYBE IT'LL COME BACK TO YOU LATER.

COME ON, LET'S GO!

IT LOOKS LIKE SORA'S MEMORIES...
...HAVE TAKEN ROOT.
JUST AS WE PLANNED.
AND MARLUXIA'S CHECKING ON IT?
YEAH.

WELL THEN...
KRIK
...I'M OFF TO PLAY WITH SORA.
CATCH
OH YEAH, I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE HIM THIS.
...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, BUT...
...DON'T BREAK HIM, LAR-XENE.
—YOU DON'T TRUST ME?
I KNOW WHEN TO LET UP. I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO BREAK MY TOYS.
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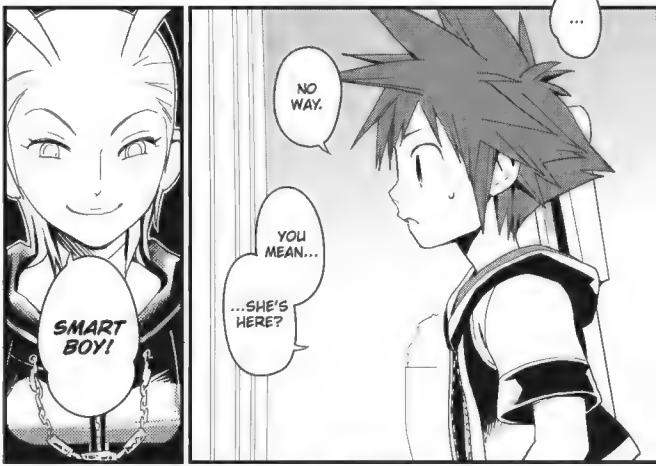
JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT'VE FORGOTTEN. REMEMBER, SORA IS THE KEY.
...WE'LL NEED HIM...
EVEN AFTER WE'VE FINISHED THE OFFICIAL PLAN...
...IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER THE ORGA-NIZATION.

VWW
OF COURSE.
UNTIL THE TIME IS RIGHT.
KEEP THAT UNDER YOUR HOOD, AXEL.
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN WISE TO DO THE SAME...
...LAR-XENE.
HEH!

CASTLE OBLIVION, SIXTH FLOOR
SO, SORA...
HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR FRIEND'S NAME YET?
UM...
NOPE.
THAT MUST BE DRIVING YOU CRAZY!
BUT...
YOU CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING USEFUL, CAN YOU?
...I DO REMEMBER THE SLOGAN FROM THIS FLYER I SAW THE DAY SHE LEFT.
"BIGGEST BARGAIN SALE IN THE UNIVERSE!"
BIGGEST BARGAIN SALE IN THE UNIVERSE!

ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR STAY IN CASTLE OBLIVION?
AWWW...
WHEN THAT POOR GIRL HEARS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN HER NAME, WHY... IT'LL JUST... IT'LL BREAK HER HEART.
?!
WHO ARE YOU?!
...THAT LIE DEEP IN YOUR HEART.
YOU KNOW...
...I BET IT'S NICE TO PEEL AWAY ALL THE WORTHLESS MEMORIES AND AWAKEN THE TRUE ONES...
CLEVER. I'M LARXENE.
—A BLACK COAT!
YOU'RE WITH AXEL, AREN'T YOU?!

DO YOU KNOW HER? TELL ME!
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A GIRL...
WELL... UM...
...HOW ABOUT... PLEASE TELL ME, YOUR MAJESTY?
ERR...
HRRM...
SO DEMANDING.
IS THAT ANY WAY TO ASK FOR INFORMATION?
I THINK YOU CAN GUESS THE ANSWER TO THAT.
ANYWAY, TELL ME IF YOU KNOW HER!
SORA!
I-IT JUST CAME OUT THAT WAY!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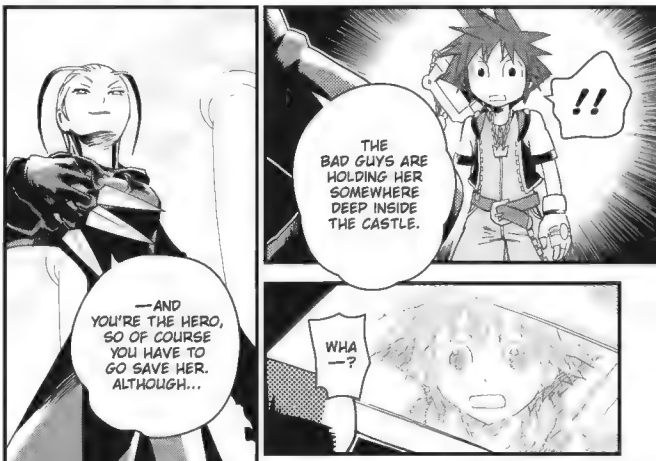
NO WAY.
YOU MEAN...
...SHE'S HERE?
SMART BOY!


!!
THE BAD GUYS ARE HOLDING HER SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE THE CASTLE.
WHA —?
—AND YOU'RE THE HERO, SO OF COURSE YOU HAVE TO GO SAVE HER. ALTHOUGH...

SHFF
...I'M A BAD GUY, SO YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME!
!!
WHEW
TAK TAK
ZSH

I THINK YOU DROPPED SOMETHING.
OH?
?!
OOPSIE! YOU ALL RIGHT?
SORA!
YOU—
WHAT'S... THAT?
IS THAT MINE?
A STAR-FISH?
TSK, TSK.

THINK CAREFULLY NOW. WHAT, OH WHAT...
THE MEMORY SHOULD BE ETCHED SOMEWHERE IN YOUR HEART.
YOU'VE BEEN WEARING IT ALL THIS TIME, AND YOU FORGOT?
...COULD IT BE?
WHO GAVE IT TO YOU?
NA—

NA...
...MI...
...
FREE YOUR HEART ...
FREE YOUR MEMORIES!
YOU'RE GETTING IT NOW!
...MI...
NA...
...NÉ.

NAMINÉ
...?

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME.
THAT'S RIGHT.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU THAT TACKY LITTLE GOOD LUCK CHARM.
BUT YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN REMEMBER HER NAME! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
TALK ABOUT HEART-LESS!
IT'D SERVE YOU RIGHT IF I SMASHED THIS PIECE OF JUNK!
DON'T YOU TOUCH IT!

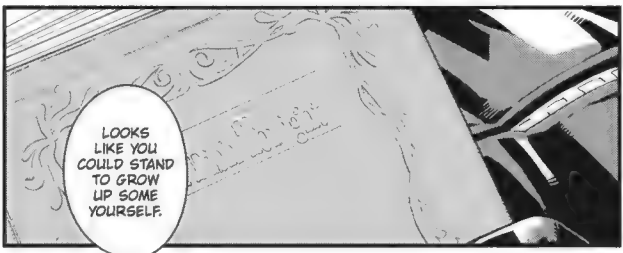
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!
NAMINÉ GAVE ME THIS.
JINGLE
NOW I REMEMBER!
CHAK
SPARE ME.
OH, IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?
TEN SECONDS AGO, YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT WAS!

ZSH
!!
TAK TAK TAK
SCNUCH
YOU'RE SO CLUELESS!
I GET AGGRAVATED JUST LOOKING AT YOU!
WHAK
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU!
SHING

YOU'RE WRONG!
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME WHAT'S IMPORTANT!
YOU'RE SUCH A BABY, SORA.
FLICK
HMPH.
WAIT!
VNN
TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK AT YOUR MEMORIES.
HERE, HAVE ANOTHER CARD TO PLAY WITH.

SORA...
I HATE HER!
WHAT'S HER PROB-LEM?!
SORA, ARE YOU OKAY?

NAMINÉ...
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT SHE'S THE ONE WHO MADE ME REMEMBER ...


LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD STAND TO GROW UP SOME YOURSELF.

I HATE CHILDREN AND IDIOTS!
SHORT
HA HA HA...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HATE KIDS.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
YOU GO DEAL WITH HIM NEXT.
UGH.
JUST WHAT I NEED— ANOTHER IDIOT TO IRRITATE ME.
IS THAT ANY WAY TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUPERIOR?
WHATEVER COULD HAVE YOU SO WORKED UP TODAY?
CAN WE HELP YOU, VEXEN?
IT'S NOT VERY OFTEN WE SEE YOU TOPSIDE.

I CAME TO LEND YOU A HAND.
YOU OBVIOUSLY BELIEVE THIS SORA HAS MUCH POTENTIAL, BUT I REMAIN UNCONVINCED THAT HE IS TRULY WORTH SUCH CODDLING.
I THINK AN EXPERIMENT...
...WOULD PUT MY DOUBTS TO REST.

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HA HA HA...
HMM?
.....

...AND WE CAN KNOCK THE WIND OUT OF THE ABOVE-GROUND TEAM'S SAILS!
IF RIKU IS MORE QUALIFIED TO BE THE "KEY"...
ABOVE-GROUND TEAM...AND BASEMENT TEAM.
...WE ALREADY SOUND LIKE THE LOSING TEAM!
...THE BASEMENT TEAM WILL GAIN THE UPPER HAND...

LET ME SET ONE THING STRAIGHT—
I'M BETTER THAN RIKU.
MWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA...

I MAY BE A REPLICA OF RIKU, BUT I'M NOT THE SAME.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF IMITATING SOME WIMP WHO'S AFRAID OF THE DARK.
!
I TOLD YOU HOW THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO GO!
DON'T EMBAR-RASS ME!
...YOU COULDN'T GET THE REAL RIKU...
...SO YOU MADE A COPY?
PFFT!
...
OH MY...
VEXEN, DON'T TELL ME...

YOUR FIERY REACTION PROVIDED JUST THE DATA I NEEDED!
STALK STALK STALK STALK
YOU HAVE MY THANKS, RIKU!!
HEH HEH HEH!
WHO'RE YOU?
COME WITH ME.
I DON'T THINK SO.
HEY! SHUT UP!
...
HAAA-HA-HA-HA!
BWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
ONLY A SCIENTIST!
HEH...
WHATEVER, VEXEN! A FAKE IS STILL A FAKE!
LOOK AT THIS WORK OF ART— HE'S A PERFECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL, DOWN TO EVERY LAST HAIR!
CREATING A REPLICA WAS MY PLAN ALL ALONG!

HEY, YOU.
I'M NO FAKE.
I MAY LOOK LIKE LIKE A COPY, BUT I HAVE MY OWN HEART.

WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR YOU...
...MA'AM.
MA'AM ...?
SMIRK
YOU GOT SPUNK.
I LIKE THAT.

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!
OWW!
LET GO OF ME!
HEY, BE CAREFUL WITH HIM!
I ONLY JUST FINISHED HIM! HE HASN'T LEARNED—
YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST TAUGHT HIM SOME MANNERS!
IF YOU WANT TO USE RIKU TO TEST SORA...
B
A
M

KA
...THEN YOU NEED TO TAKE THIS REPLICA ...
WINCE
...AND REMAKE HIS HEART TO MATCH THE ORIGINAL'S!
POW
SNAP
PATTER PATTER
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO TO ME?!

SHOVE
I'M GOING TO FILL YOUR EMPTY HEART WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES.
?!
WHAT?!
—!!
COME ON, YOU GUYS! HURRY!
SORA, SLOW DOWN!

PANT PANT
SORA SURE DOES SEEM LIKE HE'S UPSET.
HFF, HFF. IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE RUNNING A MARATHON!
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, HE FINALLY REMEMBERS HIS OLD FRIEND...
...ONLY TO FIND OUT SHE'S BEING HELD PRISONER!
YOU WOULD BE TOO.
HIGGS
I SAID, HURRY UP!
IF WE HEARD THE KING WAS IN DANGER, WE WOULD BE PRETTY UPSET TOO.
I'M COMING FOR YOU, NAMINÉ...

WOW!
NOW I REMEMBER... OUR PROMISE...
I'M SCARED.
THE STARS ARE GONNA FALL ON US.
NAMINÉ, WHAT'S WRONG?
UM... I WANNA CATCH A LOT OF TUNA, A LOT OF TUNA, A LOT OF TUNA!
THAT'S TOO MANY STARS TO WISH ON!
WHACK
TOSS
IF A SHOOTING STAR COMES THIS WAY...
DON'T WORRY!

D'OW!
...I'LL HIT IT! RIGHT BACK! INTO OUTER SPACE! LIKE THIS!
THEY WON'T! GET ANYWHERE! NEAR YOU! NAMINÉ!
WHACK
WHACK
SEE?
...
Y-YEAH.
THANK YOU, SORA.
UH...
A PITCHING MACHINE, A PITCHING MACHINE, A PITCHING MACHINE...
HERE, SORA. TAKE THIS.
IT'S MY LUCKY CHARM. IT'S KEPT ME SAFE ALL MY LIFE.
IT'LL PROTECT YOU, SORA.

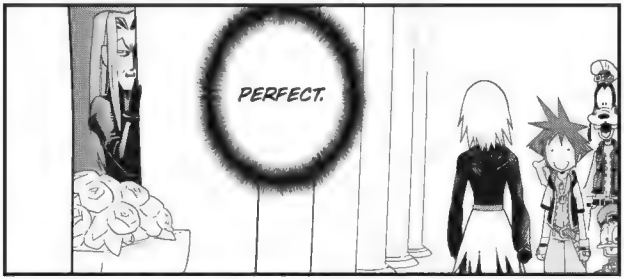
...I'LL BRING YOU GOOD LUCK. I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE.
THEN FROM NOW ON, NAMINE...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?!
LET'S TAKE A BREAK.
I'M BEAT!
AH HA HA HA!
NOT TO MENTION DONALD'S GOT SHORT LEGS! A-HYUCK-HYUCK-HYUCK.
WHEW.
EVEN A GREAT ATHLETE LIKE ME GETS TIRED AFTER RUNNING UP FOUR FLIGHTS OF STAIRS!
OOPS, SORRY ...
GLARE
WHERE ARE YOU...
...NAMINÉ ...?
...BUT WE STILL CAN'T FIND HER...
WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY...

I KNOW WE NEED TO FIND NAMINÉ, BUT...
...WE SET OFF ON THIS JOURNEY TO FIND THE KING AND—
.....
YOU DIDN'T FORGET, DID YOU, SORA?
...ABOUT RIKU?
O-OF COURSE NOT!
BUT NAMINÉ IS A GIRL, AND THE BAD GUYS HAVE HER!
ANYBODY'D WORRY!
B-BESIDES RIKU'S STRONG, AND...
...HE'S GOT BIG ARMS, AND BUFFED-OUT LEGS, AND HE CAN CARRY BIG LOGS ALL BY HIMSELF.
HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF...
REALLY?

SO, YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT ME...
...SORA?
!!
.....

WHERE'S THE KING?!
RIKU?!
RIKU!!!


PERFECT.

SO, WHERE'S THE KING?!
I KNEW I'D FIND YOU HERE, RIKU!
HA-HA-HA... LARXENE HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE WAS USED. THAT FOOL.
NOW THE REPLICA WILL DEFEAT SORA. THEN, IF HE DEFEATS THE REAL RIKU, MY PLAN WILL BE COMPLETE.

I'M SO GLAD...
I FINALLY FOUND YOU.
HEH HEH!
I'M SO GLAD I NEVER GAVE UP...
YEAH!
WHAT ABOUT THE KING?!
SNIFF
OH, RIGHT! RIKU! NAMINÉ, SHE'S—
I KNOW.
YOUR MAJ-ESTY ?!
YOUR MAJ-ESTY ?!
WHAT?

NAMINÉ TOLD ME THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE.
?!
NO... WHY WOULD SHE SAY THAT?
OH!
YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS?!
THEN LET'S GO—
!
GET A CLUE, SORA.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS I'LL PROTECT NAMINÉ.

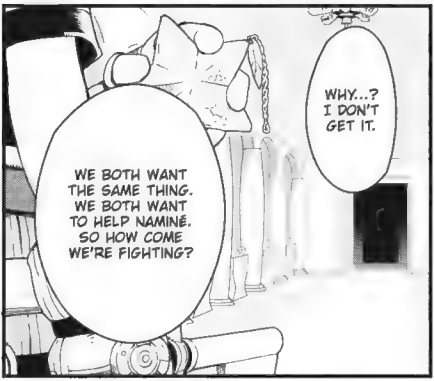
RIKU ...?
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGHT!
WE HAVE TO SAVE NAMINÉ AND GET OUT OF HERE!
EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR US BACK AT THE ISLANDS.
WHO'S WAITING FOR US?
YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHO'S THERE ANYMORE.

I REMEMBERED WHAT REALLY MATTERS TO ME.
WHEN I CAME HERE, I REMEMBERED.
MY PROMISE TO NAMINÉ.
?!
HUH? WAIT A—!
ON THE NIGHT OF THE METEOR SHOWER...
...I PROMISED NAMINÉ I'D KEEP HER SAFE.

WHAT?!
I MADE THAT PROMISE!
OPEN YOUR EYES!
SHE GAVE ME THIS LUCKY CHARM, AND—
YOU'RE CRAZY!
DU-DUN!!!
I'VE GOT ONE TOO!
!!!

YOU'RE LYING TO YOURSELF!
NO WAY...
WHACK
?!
WHACK
WHACK
RIKU ...

THAT MEMORY IS MINE, AND YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!
PANT
PANT
RIKU?
IF YOU'RE GONNA TRY TO STOP ME, THEN YOU'RE NO FRIEND OF MINE!
BAM
RIKU!

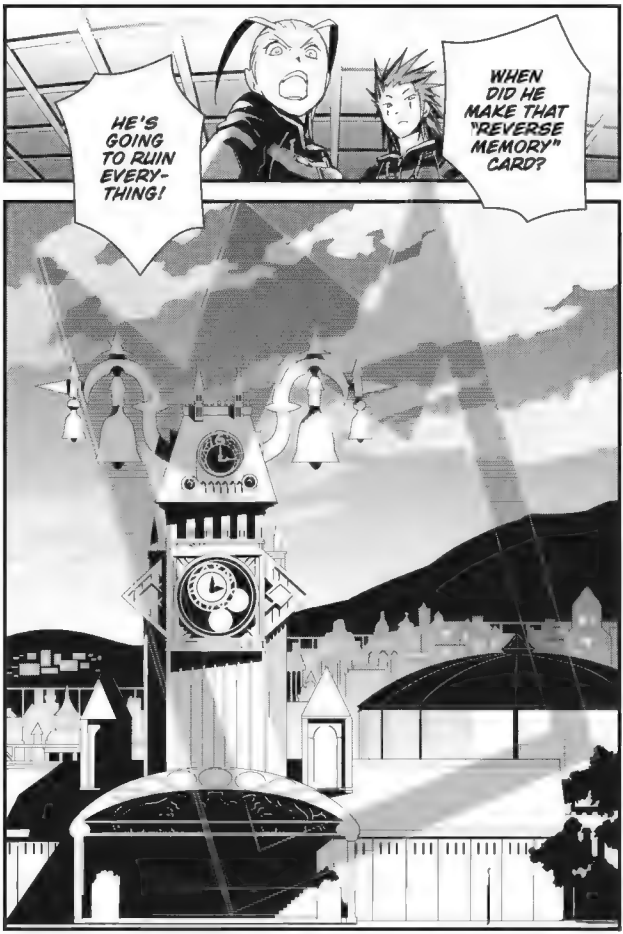

WHY...? I DON'T GET IT.
WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING. WE BOTH WANT TO HELP NAMINÉ. SO HOW COME WE'RE FIGHTING?

GRIND GRIND GRIND
...AND I DON'T HAVE A PLAN B!
THE PLAN WILL BE COMPLETELY RUINED...
DON'T RUN AWAY, YOU FOOL!

I MUST GET THE REPLICA BACK...
NO, FIRST I SHOULD STOP SORA.
WAK! WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU?!
REPLICA
RAN AWAY
OBEYS
ME
AS GENTLEMANLY AS POSSIBLE
KEYBLADE
GIVE HIM THE CARD
SORA
FRIENDS
DONALD
GOOFY
THINK! THINK FAST!
THINK, VEXEN! THINK!
YOU MUST BE ONE OF THEM!
YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON US THIS WHOLE TIME!
CURSES!

WHAT?!
SO... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN CONTROLLING RIKU?!
YOU OWE ME FOR REUNITING YOU WITH YOUR FORMER FRIEND.
HMPH. HAVE YOU NO MANNERS?
Ss
CLENCH
THAT'S NOT A VERY NICE THING TO SAY.
BESIDES, AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU END UP A MINDLESS PUPPET YOURSELF.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET REALIZED THAT, THEN ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.
HA HA HA...
FWIP
USE THIS CARD TO COME FIND ME.
IS HE CRAZY?!
WHAT THE —?!


HE'S GOING TO RUIN EVERY-THING!
WHEN DID HE MAKE THAT "REVERSE MEMORY" CARD?

IS IT JUST ME, OR HAS VEXEN FINALLY LOST IT?
WHAT NOW, AXEL?
THE SHOW'S OVER IF SORA FINDS OUT ABOUT THE OTHER SIDE!

BUT THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT VEXEN IS UP TO.
IF HE JUST PASSES THROUGH WITHOUT CATCHING ON, WE CAN PATCH THINGS UP LATER.
THESE PETALS ARE SO ANNOYING.
DON'T FLATTER HIM.
HE'S JUST AN IDIOT.
YOU CALL THAT FLATTERY?
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
AAAAAAA
HE'S CERTAINLY EARNED HIS OLD-TIMER STATUS. ...THAT WAS UNEXPECTEDLY UNDERHANDED.
WELL, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

WE CAN'T ALLOW VEXEN TO RUIN OUR PLAN.
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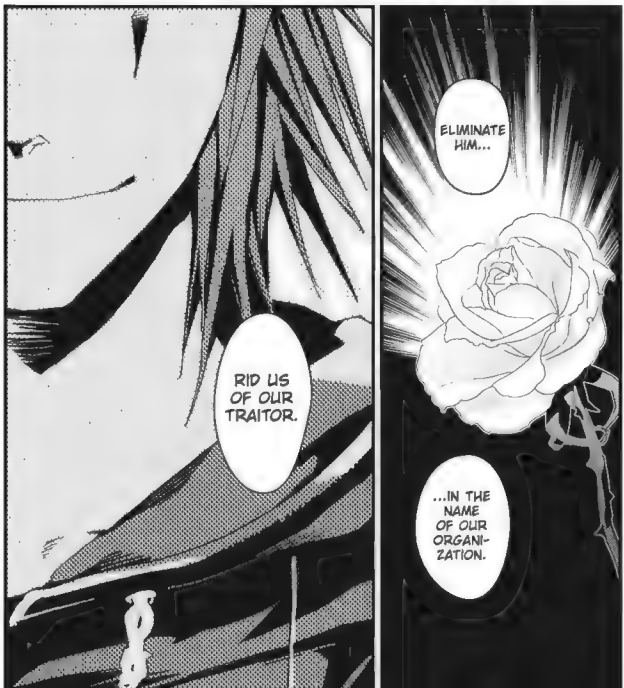
H
GO, AXEL.
ME?


RID US OF OUR TRAITOR.
ELIMINATE HIM...
...IN THE NAME OF OUR ORGANI-ZATION.

NO TAKING THAT BACK LATER.
Card:09
Good-bye, Vexen

LOOK!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET.
A-HYUCK.
WHERE ARE WE, SORA?
I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE.
...
ME NEITHER.

YEAH...
...BUT I DEFINITELY DON'T REMEMBER THIS.
HUH?
BUT UP TILL NOW, WE'VE ONLY BEEN TO PLACES FROM YOUR MEMORY.
WHOOSH
MAYBE YOU FORGOT THIS TOWN JUST LIKE THE OTHER STUFF.
WE HAVE GONE PRETTY FAR INTO THE CASTLE.
OR THIS COULD BE A TRAP! SET BY THAT GUY!

BUT...
...THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS PLACE...

...I DON'T ACTUALLY REMEMBER ANYTHING.
...IT DOES FEEL FAMILIAR, BUT...
WELL, SORA?
UM...

I MEAN, I DID MANAGE TO REMEMBER NAMINÉ.
MAYBE IT REALLY IS A TRAP.

YOUR HEART IS A SLAVE TO YOUR MEMORIES.

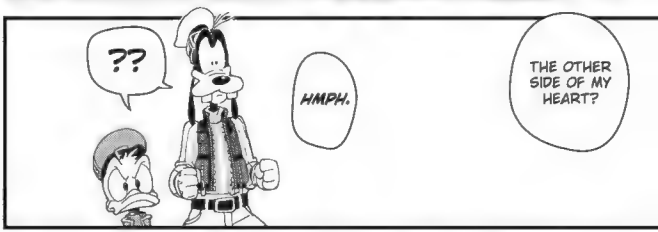
HA HA HA.

"MANAGED TO REMEMBER"?

...IT IS A LOST CHILD, BOUND BY THE CHAINS OF MEMORY.
OR RATH-ER...

I DON'T CARE!
WHICH SOUNDED BETTER TO YOU?
.....

GOOONG
THIS TOWN...
...IS FROM ANOTHER SIDE OF YOUR MEMORY.
YOUR HEART KNOWS THIS PLACE.


??
HMPH.
THE OTHER SIDE OF MY HEART?

IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE WIELDER OF THE KEY TO HEARTS IS UTTERLY INDIFFERENT TOWARD HIS OWN HEART.
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND?

I KNEW MARLUXIA OVERESTIMATED YOU!
YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A MARIONETTE, MANIPULATED BY YOUR MEMORIES OF NAMINÉ!
NO ONE'S MANIPU-LATING ME!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH TRYING TO SAVE A FRIEND?!

YOU ARE BEING MANIPULATED EVEN NOW.
FOOL OF A BOY.
BOTH YOU AND MY RIKU SHOULD—
IT IS TIME YOU LEARNED THAT THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERYTHING.
A PURE AND SIMPLE MIND IS A DANGEROUS THING.

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHANGED RIKU!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?!
"YOUR" RIKU? YOU'RE SO FULL OF IT!
?!
HA HA HA HA...
...TO THINK THAT YOU'RE PUTTING SO MUCH EFFORT INTO SEARCHING FOR NAMINÉ, WHEN SHE'S—
IT TRULY IS PATHETIC...

GAAH?!!

DID I CATCH YOU AT A BAD TIME?
AXEL ?!
EEEEEEK!!
MAR-LUXIA ...?
BUT... I HAVE SENIORITY OVER THE LOT OF YOU...
SORRY. MARLUXIA'S ORDERS.
WE NEED YOU GONE.

SORRY, BUT...
...NO ONE USES SENIORITY SYSTEMS ANYMORE.
AND THAT...
...LITTLE WET-BEHIND-THE-EARS —!!
SLASH

I DON'T WANT TO...GO YET...
NO ...
N-NO ...
THUD
YOU K-KILLED HIM...?!
BUT HE'S ONE OF YOU! HOW COULD YOU?!
FSHH

KILLED HIM...? HEH.
WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE?!
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IF ONE OF US DISAPPEARS.

WE'RE "NOBODIES."
SHF
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH NAMINÉ?
?!
WHAT'S THIS CARD?

MISTER HERO.
YOU WANTED TO FIGURE THINGS OUT FOR YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT DON'T FORGET THAT IN THIS PLACE, YOU LOSE SOMETHING FOR EVERYTHING YOU GAIN.

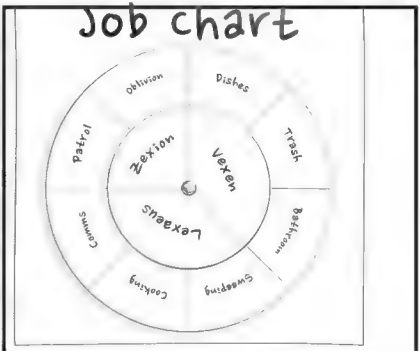
WELL DONE, AXEL.
WE HAD TO BE SURE YOU HAD IT IN YOU TO ELIMINATE A FELLOW MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION.
YOU PASSED OUR TEST.
YOU CAN JOIN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW.
THE BIG LEAGUES?
AS IF YOU DON'T KNOW.

AND SOON, SORA WILL BE OURS.
SCRUNCH
TAKING OVER THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE LIKE CHILD'S PLAY FOR THE THREE OF US.
THEN WE CAN SAY GOOD-BYE TO THIS CRAMPED CASTLE.
PERHAPS I'LL GIVE YOU A BIGGER ROOM.

VNN...
VNN
LEAVE THEM BE.
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?
THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO MEET THE HERO YOU'VE BEEN PINING FOR.
CHEER UP, NAMINÉ.

VEXEN IS NO MORE.
KA-POP
MANGA
MM.
Job chart
BUT NOW THAT HE'S GONE...
IT'S DEPLORABLE. WE'RE ALL THE SAME. WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER.

...THAT LEAVES MORE WORK FOR US.
MANGA
I HAVE A FEELING I'LL BE DOING ALL OF VEXEN'S WORK...


Job chart
Dishes
Trash
Bathroom
Sweeping
Cooking
Comms
Patrol
Oblivion
Vexen
Zexion
Lexaeus

AT LEAST NOW IT'S CLEAR...
...THAT MARLUXIA IS TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE ORGANIZATION.
S-SIIIP
THEY'LL BE COMING AFTER US NEXT.
IT'S TIME FOR US TO GET SERIOUS.
GO CAPTURE RIKU.
LEXAEUS.
I KNEW YOU'D MAKE ME DO IT...
CLUNK

YOU'RE SAYING I SHOULD JUST ABANDON NAMINÉ?!
DON'T DISAPPOINT ME LIKE VEXEN DID.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

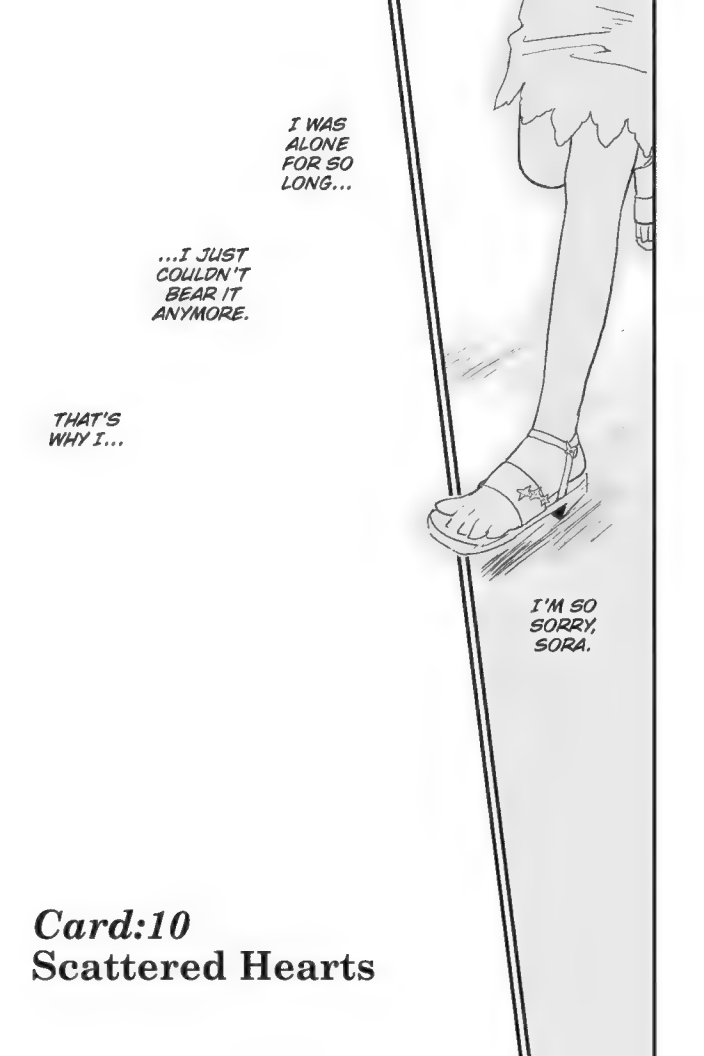
.....
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE ASKING FOR TROUBLE TO DO WHAT THEY SAY.
THAT YOU AND RIKU HAVE THE SAME EXACT MEMORY.
AND YOU JUST SAW WHAT THOSE GUYS DID TO EACH OTHER.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD?
WHAT?!
AND YOU ALWAYS GET REAL TOUCHY WHEN IT COMES TO NAMINÉ.
WH-WHAT?
DO WHAT YOU WANT! LAY BACK, TAKE A NAP— I DON'T CARE!
WHAT-EVER!

I'M GOING TO FIND NAMINÉ!
Sora!
KSH
KSH
KSH
NOMURA

YOU'RE ALL HE CAN THINK ABOUT.
KSH KSH
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE HIM NOW.
TMP
SO, WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?
NOMURA

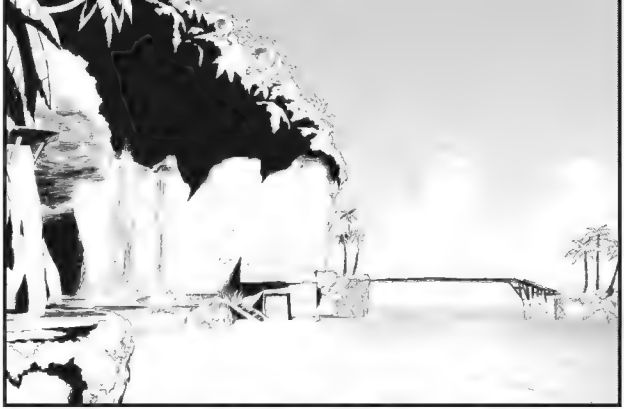
CLATTER
I DON'T SEE MARLUXIA AROUND. DO YOU?
THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO STOP YOU.
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER

CREAK...
JUST MAKE IT COUNT.
OR ELSE THIS WON'T BE ANY FUN.
PATTER PATTER PATTER
PATTER PATTER PATTER




## *Card:10*
## Scattered Hearts

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE THEM BEHIND?
SORA!
PIGH
PIGHEAD
DONALD AND GOOFY ARE JUST BEING SO PIGHEADED!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
IT'S MY PROBLEM, NOT THEIRS.
...IT'S NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS ANYWAY.
..... I MEAN ...

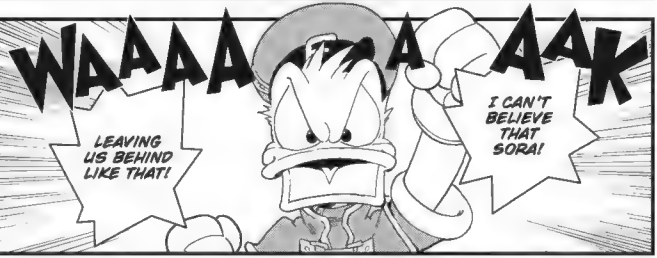


YEAH...
SORA?
IS THIS YOUR ISLAND?

THIS IS WHERE I MADE MY MOST PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

SORRY, JIMINY.
THEN WE MIGHT FIND NAMINÉ HERE.
REALLY ?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE DRAGGED YOU HERE. THIS ISN'T YOUR PROBLEM.
NOT MY PROBLEM?!
WE'LL GO TO OUR GRAVES TOGETHER!
WHOA, THAT'S SOME SERIOUS FRIEND-SHIP!!
SORA...
AND I BET DONALD AND GOOFY ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE AS WE SPEAK.
...WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?

.....
WE'LL SEE.


WAAAAAAAAAK
LEAVING US BEHIND LIKE THAT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SORA!

WE'D BETTER GO AFTER HIM, AND QUICK...

A-HYUCK ...
WAK-WAK WAK WAK WAK!!
WAK
WAK
ALL I WAS SAYING IS THAT WE SHOULD COME UP WITH A PLAN!

WHO NEEDS HIM?
WE CAN FIND THE KING WITHOUT HIM!
WHY SHOULD WE?
YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A MARIONETTE, MANIPULATED BY YOUR MEMORIES OF NAMINÉ!
I KNOW MY OWN HEART WELL ENOUGH.
IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE WIELDER OF THE KEY TO HEARTS IS UTTERLY INDIFFERENT TOWARD HIS OWN HEART.

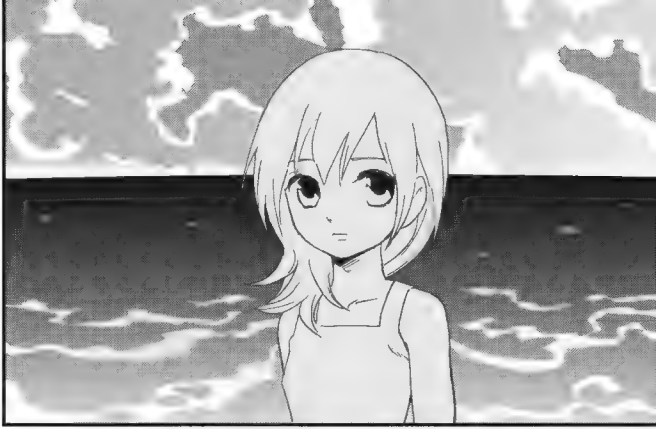
I...
I JUST WANT TO SAVE NAMINÉ.
YOU ALWAYS GET REAL TOUCHY WHEN IT COMES TO NAMINÉ.
.....
IT TRULY IS PATHETIC...
...TO THINK THAT YOU'RE PUTTING SO MUCH EFFORT INTO SEARCHING FOR NAMINÉ, WHEN SHE'S—
GAAH?!!
WHAT WAS HE GOING TO SAY?
SORA...
SORA!
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND HER UP HERE.
UH...
.....
SCRTCH SCRTCH
HEY, SORA.

RIKU!
IF YOU'RE GONNA TRY TO STOP ME, THEN YOU'RE NO FRIEND OF MINE.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE ALL BY YOURSELF?
?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
R-RIGHT.
??
SORA ...
MAYBE THIS RIKU IS THE ONE YOUR MEMORIES.
!

YOU'RE SUCH A BABY, SORA.
SH-SHUT UP!
HA HA HA.
IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR WEIRD NEW GAMES?
NOW YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF.
...I'VE REALLY MISSED IT.
THIS FEELING ...
... AND RIKU, AND ...
ME...
SORA?
...HUH?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU NEED TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, SORA.
WHO WAS THAT?
IT WASN'T NAMINÉ ...
HOW'RE YOU GONNA TAKE CARE OF HER, ACTING LIKE THAT?
"HER"?
BOOM

IT'S A STORM ...
I'M GONNA GO CHECK ON THE RAFT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RIKU...
YOU GO LOOK AFTER HER!
RUMBLE

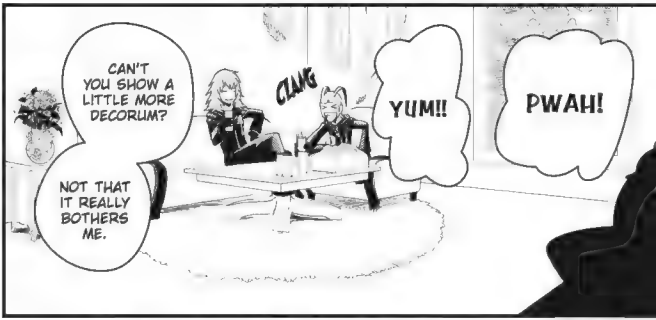


NAMINÉ.

SORA.

THANK YOU.
YOU CAME FOR ME.
CHEERS!!
Quash
LESS THAN 1% JUICE

GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG


CAN'T YOU SHOW A LITTLE MORE DECORUM?
NOT THAT IT REALLY BOTHERS ME.
CLINK
YUM!!
PWAH!

SOON, THE TIME WILL COME WHEN WE CAN LAUGH WITH ALL OUR HEARTS.
XIII
Quash
0% ALCOHOL / LESS THAN 1% JUICE

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
AW, WHAT'S A CELEBRATION WITHOUT LIVING IT UP?

...
INDEED.
MUNCH

AND THIS IS OUR ADVANCE CELEBRATION.
TO KINGDOM HEARTS.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME CHICKEN LEFT.
YOU MAY INVITE NAMINÉ AND AXEL NOW.
YOU CAN BE A REAL CHEAPSKATE SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW THAT?
HRM...
FALL
VHN!
WE SHOULD'VE INVITED THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE...

EMPTY
HUH?!
CLICK
SAVING POWER
WHERE DID HE GO?!
KICK
VNN
AXEL!!
KSHSHSH
?!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
WAIT A—
00:00

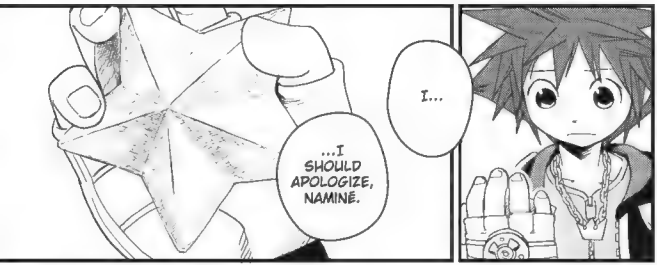
WHAM
THAT TRAITOR —!!

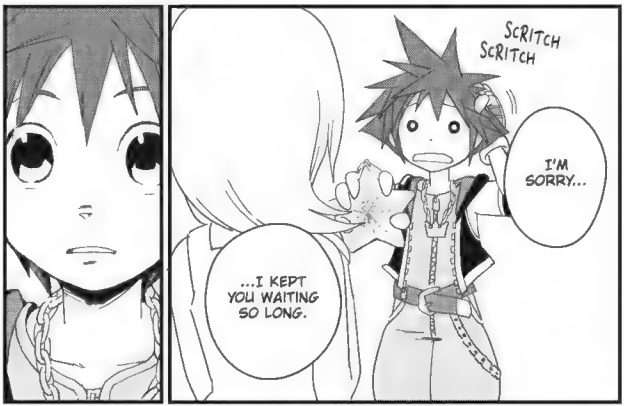
YO.
WHAT'S UP?
I'M GONNA PROTECT NAMINÉ.
I WON'T LET ANYONE NEAR HERE.
SHE'S NOT IN THAT ROOM ANYMORE.

RIGHT ABOUT NOW, SHE'S PROBABLY WITH SORA.
!
Y'KNOW WHAT?
YOU OUGHTA ASK NAMINÉ WHICH MEMORY'S THE REAL ONE.
YOURS OR SORA'S.
THAT QUESTION MUST BE KILLING YOU.

SSK
SSK
LET'S SEE...
IT'S NO EASY JOB, MOVING EVERYTHING ALONG BEHIND THE SCENES.
SQUEAK
HEH HEH...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HMM, SORA?
I'M INTERESTED TO SEE HOW YOU'LL HANDLE THIS.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH JUST TO SEE YOU.
NAMINÉ... IT'S REALLY YOU...


...I SHOULD APOLOGIZE, NAMINÉ.
I...


SCRITCH SCRITCH
I'M SORRY...
...I KEPT YOU WAITING SO LONG.

THAT'S OKAY.
I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO APOLOGIZE.
I'M SORRY, I—
WHOA! WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
NO...
IT'S NOT YOU.

?!
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS PICTURE.
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT?!
I'M NOT REALLY IN YOUR HEART.

!!
THINK, SORA.
REMEMBER WHO IT IS YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT.

BOOM
!!!

WHAT WAS THAT?
.....

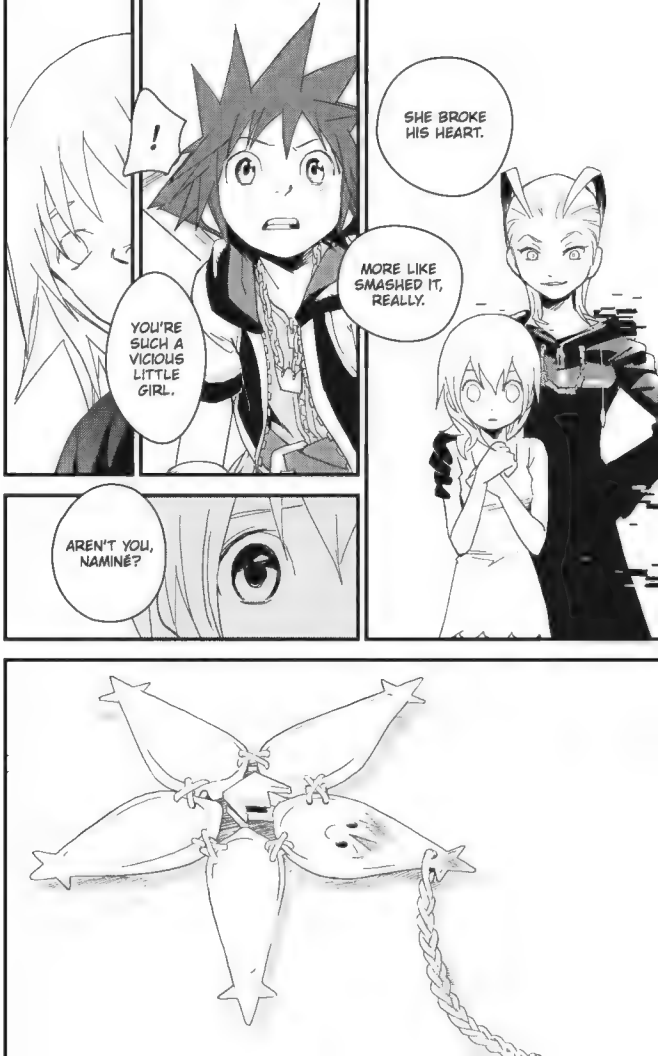
NAMINÉ!!
SHE'S THE GIRL IN YOUR HEART.
NOT ME.

IF SHE'S SO SPECIAL TO ME...
...WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER?
WHO IS SHE?
.....
BECAUSE...

SORA...
...YOU LOST ALL YOUR REAL MEMORIES.
SO YOU TRIED TO STEAL OUR MEMORIES INSTEAD.
NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE.
HEY!
YOU TRIED TO TRICK ME WITH THIS PIECE OF JUNK.
GIVE THAT BACK!

NO!
SQUEEZE
SO I'M GONNA—
STOP !!!

THUD
CHAK
RIKU?
...?!
OH, POOR BABY.
RIKU? RIKU! WHAT'S WRONG?!


!
YOU'RE SUCH A VICIOUS LITTLE GIRL.
SHE BROKE HIS HEART.
MORE LIKE SMASHED IT, REALLY.
AREN'T YOU, NAMINÉ?

## *Card:11* SHOCK!!!

AWW, I THOUGHT YOU'D TOLD HIM EVERYTHING.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T TOLD HIM THE BEST PART!
AH HA HA HA!
HA
HAHA
OH WOW, THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE!
KOFF KOFF
POUND POUND
OH, I GET IT.
YOU DON'T WANT SORA TO HATE YOU.
WHAT DO THEY CALL THAT? THE FAIR HEART OF A MAIDEN?
WELL...
SSk
...THAT JUST MAKES ME WANT TO STOMP ALL OVER IT.

...ACTU-
ALLY...
...TELLING HIM THE TRUTH WON'T HURT OUR PLAN AT ALL.
...NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
WITH YOUR POWERS, NAMINÉ.
'COS WE CAN JUST REWRITE HIS MEMORY AGAIN.
OH, DON'T GIVE ME THAT DUMB LOOK.
...?

THE REASON YOU'VE BEEN FORGETTING SOME THINGS AND REMEMBERING OTHERS IN THIS CASTLE...
...IS 'COS NAMINÉ STEPPED INTO YOUR HEART AND REARRANGED YOUR MEMORIES.

SHE TOOK APART THE LINKS OF YOUR PRECIOUS MEMORIES...
...AND REPLACED THEM WITH FAKE ONES!

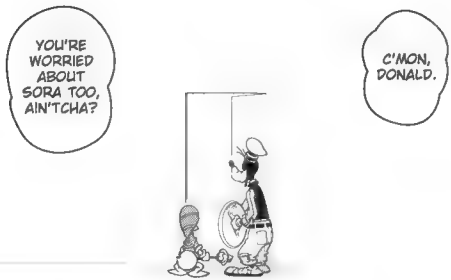
AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE?
THAT RIKU LYING THERE'S A FAKE TOO.
?!
BUT NOW NAMINÉ'S BROKEN HIS HEART, AND HE'S JUST A LITTLE DOLL AGAIN.
WE FILLED HIS HEART WITH SAME PHONY MEMORIES AS YOURS AND WATCHED HIM PICK FIGHTS WITH YOU OVER NAMINÉ.
AND IT'S BEEN THE MOST HILARIOUS THING I'VE EVER SEEN!

OH, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE GIVING ME CHILLS.
A LIE ...?
EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN SO DESPERATE TO FIND WAS A LIE.
DON'T WORRY.
JUST BE A GOOD BOY.
AND SOON, YOU'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT IT.

HUH?
THAT'S FUNNY...
IT'S ANOTHER PLAIN WHITE ROOM.
PATTER PATTER PATTER
.....
...YOU SURE WE SHOULDN'T GO AFTER SORA?
DONALD ...

HFF! HFF! HFF! HFF!
RAWRR I'M NOT BEING STUB-BORN!!
I DON'T THINK IT'S HEALTHY TO BE STUBBORN.
I REMEMBER.
WE PROMISED TO STICK WITH THE KEY BEARER.
I KNOW, I KNOW...
I THINK WE SHOULD GO AFTER HIM TOO.
BUT...
...WHAT DO WE DO WHEN SORA LOSES HIS WAY?

WELL, WE HELP HIM FIND THE RIGHT WAY.


YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SORA TOO, AIN'TCHA?
C'MON, DONALD.

FWAM
WHACK
WHAM
THUD
SORA!!

ARGH!
HOW COULD I LET HER —?
WELL...
...I CAN'T SAY I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR LACK OF MOTIVATION.
OH, COME ON. YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING!
FWIP
WFF! WFF!
SWISH SWISH
JAB JAB
FEINT FEINT JAB
YOU BIG BULLY!
BOING! BOING
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT SORA, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME!
IT WAS A TRAP AFTER ALL!
SORA, WAKE UP!
OH MY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
OHHH...
THEY DITCHED YOU 'COS YOU WOULDN'T SHUT UP ABOUT NAMINÉ, IS THAT IT?
OH YEAH, WHERE'D YOUR FRIENDS GO?
I'M RIGHT HERE!

SQUISH
OH, POOR WIDDLE GUY.
NOW YOU'RE ALL ALONE.
GRIND GRIND GRIND GRIND
AND HERE NAMINÉ WAS DECEIVING YOU ALL ALONG.
EXCUSE ME?
STOP IT!
WHAP
LAST I CHECKED, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT HIM INTO THIS MESS.
IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO GROW A CONSCIENCE, WITCH.

!!
SLAP
STAY OUTTA MY WAY!
NAMINÉ!
WHY SHOULD YOU WORRY ABOUT HER, SORA?
YOU WERE NEVER THAT GIRL'S FRIEND. SHE'S NEVER HAD ANY.
LISTEN, NAMINÉ.
YOU'RE NEVER GETTING OUT OF THIS CASTLE. EVER.

I PROMISED NAMINÉ...
...THAT I'D KEEP HER SAFE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HOW STUPID ARE YOU?
DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING I JUST SAID?
.....
HUH?!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON.
BUT EVEN IF MY MEMORIES ARE FAKE...

...MY HEART IS REAL.
SORA!
SKSH
WHAM
YOU ARE SO OBNOX-IOUS.
GET OUTTA MY SIGHT.
HERE, I'LL HELP YOU!!!

GAWRSH! LOOK OUT!
CL ANG
SHE GOT YOU PRETTY BAD, HUH?
CURE!
GLOW

HUH, SORA?
I KNEW YOU'D BE LOST WITHOUT US!
.....
OH, SO YOU DECIDED TO COME BACK, DID YOU?!
STUBBORN ...
DONALD, GOOFY...
HA!
SO YOUR LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMMATES ARE FINALLY HERE TO HELP?
STINK

WOOSH
BLIZZARD!!
OH YEAH?! TAKE THIS!
NOT THAT IT'LL CHANGE THE OUT-COME!
OH MY, WHAT A NICE BREEZE.
SNAP
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
THUNDER !!
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?!

IT'S WORKING!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE 'ER MORE!
ZZZZZAP
GYAAAH!!!
NO!
HELP!
WAH-HA-HA-HA!
BORED
THUNDER!
ELECTRIFY
ZAP
THUNDER!
THUNDER!
FLASH
WAAK!
!!
KA-CRACK
I'M DONE FOR—
NOT!

NO FAIR! SHE TRICKED US!
TRY USING YOUR HEAD FOR A CHANGE.
ZZZAP...
THUNDER DOESN'T WORK ON ME.
THANKS FOR THE POWER-UP.
TAK
A-HYUCK!
SHFF
SHFF
SHUT UP, YOU COWARD!
GGING
SHFF
LIKE ME.
HA, THEY ALL MISSED!
TAK TAK TAK
GET AWAY FROM THERE!
NO!

ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP

I CAN POWER THE AC, A HAIR DRYER, AND A MICROWAVE AT THE SAME TIME!
BEEP
WHOOSH
HUMM
WHAT A JERK...

ZAP
OOPS, WAS THAT TOO MUCH OF A CHARGE?
YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE THE ELECTRICAL PARADE.

CRACKLE CRACKLE
OW...
UGH...
TINGLE TINGLE
TWITCH TWITCH
HOH HOH HOH!

!
FWOOOSH
SNAP SNAP
SNAP
SNAP SNAP
WE GOTTA USE TRINITY!
WHY ARE YOU FREEZING THE FLOOR?
TIME FOR THE COUNTER-ATTACK, I SEE.
JIMINY'S JOURNAL
TRINITY is a special weapon that can only be activated using the combined friendship power of Sora, Donald, and Goofy.
SLIDE
LET'S DO IT!
WHOOOSH
!!!

NO, THAT WASN'T RIGHT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE THEY STUPID ?
ZZZZZAP
YEOW!!!
WHISTER WHISTER WHISTER WHISTER
LET'S END THIS.
CRACKLE CRACKLE
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH.
PLAY-TIME'S OVER!
LET'S GO.
CRACKLE
C'MON, GOOFY!
A-HYUCK!
SPIN... SPIN...

WHIRR WHIRR
WHIRR WHIRR
BLIZZARD!!!
FIRE!!!
DOUBLE-MAGIC SPRINKLER!!!!
TRINITY LIMIT!

ZSHH!
NO!
WAIT!
ZZT
IS THIS ...
... WATER?!
WHAT?!
HUH?!
NOT NOW!
ZZZAP
ZZZAP
ZZZAP
CAN'T ...
...GET WET!
NO!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

KAPOW
WHIRR....
ZZT...
ZZT...
SPLISH
ZZT
HEY.
ONE OF YOU CARRY ME.
I'M BAREFOOT.

ARE YOU FOR REAL...?!
WHAT?!
OH NO!!
...WE CAN'T GET OUR MEMORIES BACK?
DOES THAT MEAN...
.....
IF WE GO TO THE TOP FLOOR...
...I THINK I CAN FIX EVERYTHING.

.....
REALLY?
BUT...
...MARLUXIA IS THERE.
MAR-LUXIA?
HE RUNS THINGS HERE.
HE'S... EVIL.
I'M SO SORRY...
I...

C'MON, SMILE!
SQUISH
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
YOU WAIT HERE, NAMINÉ.
WITH...
...THAT WEIRD RIKU.

I BET SHE'LL BE FREE IF WE BEAT THAT MARL...SA-THING.
SO LET'S GO GET HIM! TOGETHER!
NAMINÉ'S BEEN TRAPPED HERE...
...ALL ALONE.
THANKS!
FOR COMING TO HELP!
WHAT?!
'COS YOU'RE SO HOPELESS ON YOUR OWN.
A-HYUCK.

I CAUSED YOU PAIN TOO.
I'M SORRY.
YOU DON'T NEED THIS ANYMORE...
AHA.
HERE YOU ARE.

CLASH!!
AHH!
UGH ...!
JOIN US, RIKU!
TO POSSESS YOUR POWERS AND YET FEAR THE DARKNESS.
WHAT A WASTE.
YOU... COULD EVEN SURPASS SORA...
HFF!
HFF!

I'M FINISHED ...!!
FORGIVE ME...
...! ZEXION .....
Card:12
Where the Heart Leads

HFF!
NO WAY...
HFF!
SORA ...?
YOU'RE IN HERE TOO?

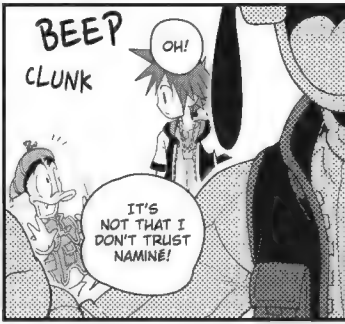
SORA ...!
HEY, SORA!
YOU SAY SOMETHING, DONALD?
COME ON!

WE NEED A STRATEGY.
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS MARLSISNAME IS LIKE.
OKAY THEN. WE CAN'T WASTE OUR ITEMS.
YOU CALL THAT A STRATEGY?
OH. I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT 'COS WE'VE BEEN WASTING ITEMS.
EXACTLY !!!
IT MIGHT NOT BE THAT EASY TO DEFEAT HIM.
WELL, HE'S THE BOSS OF THIS CASTLE, RIGHT?
BUT MAN, THIS IS A LONG HALLWAY.
KINDA FEELS LIKE WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE LAST BOSS.
Are you well equipped?
WARM POTION
ELIXIR
I... JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO THAT.

BEEP
CLUNK
...WE WILL GET OUR MEMORIES BACK...
...WON'T WE?
AFTER WE DEFEAT HIM...

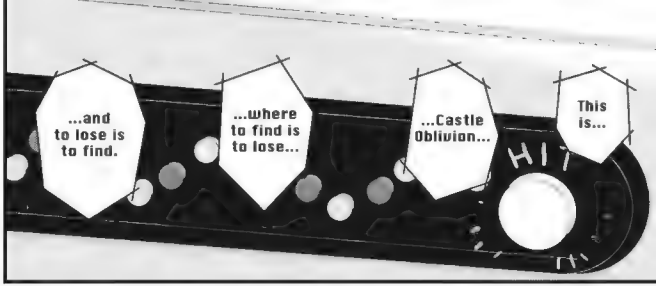
YOU'RE BUYING SOME-THING?!
WANT A HOT DRINK?
JINGLE
JINGLE

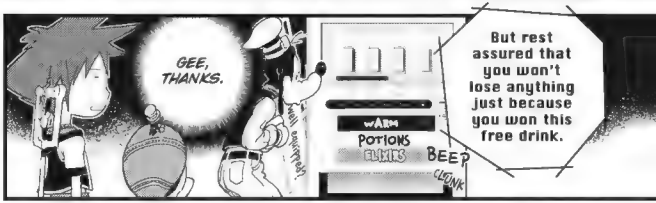
SCRITCH...
...I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
IT'S JUST THAT IF WE DON'T GET THEM BACK...


BEEP
CLUNK
OH!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST NAMINÉ!

CLATTER
CLATTER
...WHO WE'RE SEARCH-ING FOR...
WE FORGOT ALL ABOUT...

BUT I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HE'S LIKE.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HIM, I FEEL THIS SENSE OF RELIEF.
BEEP
CLUNK
...AND THERE'S A BIG HOLE IN YOUR HEART.
IT'S REALLY TOUGH WHEN YOU LOSE SOMETHING PRECIOUS ...
I REMEMBER HE'S WITH RIKU...
I...
...I THINK I FINALLY KNOW HOW YOU FELT, SORA.
WHIMPER
LOOK, LOOK! I WON A FREE DRINK!
A-HYUCK!
PEH PEH PEH PEH PEH


...and to lose is to find.
...where to find is to lose...
...Castle Oblivion...
This is...


GEE, THANKS.
WARM
POTIONS
ELIXIRS
BEEP
CLONK
But rest assured that you won't lose anything just because you won this free drink.

WHEN IT'S ALL OVER, WE'LL GO HOME WITH WHAT WE FOUND—
—THE REASON WE CAME HERE.
POTIONS
ELIXIRS

CLUNK
WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE ANYTHING.

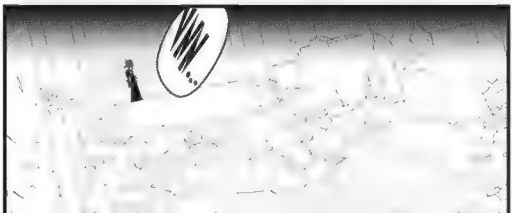
PSH

YUCK!
WARM ELIXIRS ARE GROSS!
HFF!
WHOOOSH
フォン
HFF!
HFF!
HOW LONG IS THIS GONNA GO ON?
...
THE NEXT CARD...
!

ANSEM!
YOU DO LIKE TO TALK TO YOURSELF.
GO AWAY!
YOUR STUBBORNESS APPALLS ME...
YOU'RE NOT USING THE GIFT I GAVE YOU.
I WON'T LET YOU CONTROL ME!
OPEN YOUR HEART TO DARKNESS.
THE POWER OF DARKNESS WILL HELP YOU, RIKU.
BADUM

HFF!
HFF!
I PRAY THAT YOU...
HEH.
...WILL FIND THE RIGHT PATH.
FZH
I'M ALMOST THERE.
I KNOW IT.
HFF!
RIGHT, YOUR MAJ-ESTY?
HFF!
BADUM
FEEL THE FEAR...
YES.

I FEED OFF OF YOUR FEAR...
FEAR ME.
HATE ME.
FIGHT ME.
WITH MORE INTENSITY!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JINGLE
LEXAEUS ...
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD FALL AS WELL.
...
..... YOU USELESS IDIOT.
I NEED TO GET RIKU TO JOIN ME.
IF MARLUXIA GETS AHOLD OF SORA, I HAVE NO DOUBT THEY WILL ELIMINATE ME.
STEP...
WHAT'S TO BECOME OF THE ORGANIZATION?

YOU WERE SO CLOSE TO FREEDOM...
... NAMINÉ.
YET YOU CLOSED THE EXIT YOURSELF.
YOU ONLY HAVE ONE OPTION REMAINING.
ERASE SORA'S MEMORY COMPLETELY.
!!
.....
CLENCH

GLARE
THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
WHATEVER COULD IT MEAN?
I...
...WANTED TO PROCURE THE KEY BEARER UNHARMED.
YOU UNDER-STAND, DON'T YOU?
!

IT'S JUST, I MEAN...
...I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO.
NOW THAT LARXENE'S GONE.
HEY.
HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING?
YOU HAVE SOME NERVE...
AXEL...
WERE YOU SERIOUSLY TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE ORGANIZATION?
HA HA HA...
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU AND YOUR NEEDLESS MEDDLING...

SHING...
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS...
...TO TRAITORS.
BUT I NEVER SAID I'D JOIN YOU.
CURSE YOU!
YOU AGREED TO OUR PLAN!
ORGANI-ZATION LAPDOG!

THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET RID OF YOU!
BLAM
EAT THIS!

VNN!
PSYCH!
VNN
VNN
VNN
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
I'M OVER HERE, NIT-WIT!
... I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
VNN
VNN!
WAY OFF!
VNN
SHNK
VNN
VNN
VNN
VNN
VNN
IF YOU DON'T WANT HER TO GET HURT, GET HER OUT OF THE WAY!
YOU JUST WENT AFTER NAMINÉ!
VNN
VNN
IF...
...IF I STAY HERE, I'LL...!!

WHACK
NAMINÉ!
...

BAM
HUH?
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT BACK THERE!
WHAT HAPPENED?
SAFETY FIRST
W
THE MEAN MAN TRIED TO TAKE HER AWAY.
!
AT LAST. THE BEARER OF THE KEYBLADE.
WHY CAN'T YOU LEAVE NAMINÉ ALONE?!
YOU GUYS ...

USE THAT CARD TO PROCEED THROUGH THE CASTLE.
YOU MUST LOSE SOMETHING THAT IS DEAR TO YOU.
IN THIS PLACE, TO FIND IS TO LOSE, AND TO LOSE IS TO FIND.

WELCOME TO CASTLE OBLIVION.
YOU!

!!
HEY, WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!
HEH.
VNNN!
CLANG
VNNN
DON'T MOVE!
NAMINÉ !!

HA...
LOOKS LIKE YOUR BRAIN'S GOTTEN PRETTY RUSTY TOO.
YOU THINK COWERING BEHIND NAMINÉ WILL STOP ME?
THINK AGAIN.
YOUR LITTLE MASCOT CAN KEEP YOU COMPANY IN THE VOID!
!!!!

VNN
OH...
DID YOU SEE THAT, SORA?
YOU WANT TO KEEP NAMINÉ SAFE, DON'T YOU?
SO, WHICH OF US IS MORE DANGEROUS?

MMPH!
IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT NAMINÉ...
...THEN YOU SHOULD DEAL WITH AXEL FIRST.
Card:XIII
The Road to Dawn

BAM
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT? YOU LET HIM GET AWAY.
AW, MAN.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA FALL FOR MISTER FLOWER PETALS' STUPID LITTLE TRICK, ARE YOU?
LISTEN, SORA.
AHH!
HE JUST WANTS US TO GO AT IT TO BUY HIMSELF SOME TIME.

PANT
PANT
NO.
NOW, ERASE SORA'S MEMORY.
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY INTERRUPTIONS FOR A WHILE.
DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR HIM?
...I WON'T BE YOUR PUPPET ANYMORE.
I...

HOW DROLL.
FSHH
IF YOU WANNA DO IT FOR ME, BE MY GUEST.
GO.
HEY, I JUST WANTED TO GET RID OF MARLUXIA.
?!

I MIGHT ACTUALLY DESTROY YOU.
YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE ME GET SERIOUS.
I SAID, GO!
SHOO, SHOO!
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME THAT MUCH?
DON'T LET HIM BEAT YOU.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT.
SH—
SHUT UP!
GOOD LUCK.
I NEED YOU ALIVE.

WAK!
.....
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
GAWRSH! ARE WE BACK IN THE STORY?
SORA, LOOK!
I'M GLAD I'M BACK IN THE STORY TOO.
HURRY INSIDE!
ENTWINE...
!!

OPEN UP!
BAM

OH. THAT WAS FAST.
!
BAM
WELCOME TO MY GARDEN.
PLUCK
AND THIS IS WHAT SHE GOT.
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU ANYMORE.
YOU MIGHT SAY THE ROSES HERE REPRESENT THE STRENGTH OF NAMINÉ'S FEELINGS.

ISN'T IT NICE...
...TO BE SO LOVED?
YOU'RE GOING DOWN!!!
SMP
SMP
SMP
NAMINÉ, ARE YOU OKAY?
CURAGA !!

CHOMP
CHOMP
!!
SORA.
CLASH
I HAVE NO REASON TO FIGHT YOU.
PSHH
YIKES! SOME-THING'S DRIPPIN' ON ME!
WE'RE GONNA GET DIGESTED!
SHUT UP!
...
STRAIN
ALL I WANT IS YOUR HELP.

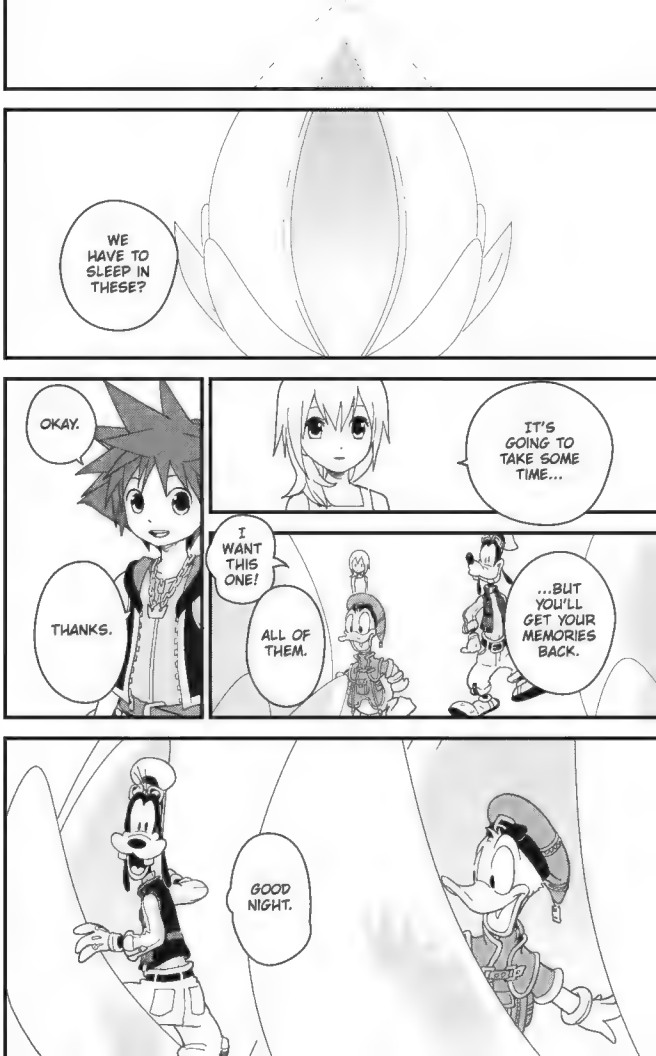
YOUR ANSWER WILL DETERMINE THEIR FATE.
...
DO YOU WANT TO BE A HERO WHO CAN'T PROTECT ANYONE?
SORA!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!!
WIPE THE FLOOR WITH THAT GUY!!!!
WHACK
!!
I BELIEVE ...
...IN DONALD AND GOOFY!
WHACK
WHAT?
DON'T YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?!
WHACK
WHACK

SUCH DETERMI-NATION!
HAVE I ANGERED YOU?
DON'T ASK...
...DUMB QUES-TIONS!
UGH ...!
THEN WHAT ABOUT NAMINÉ?!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO PROTECT HER?!
IF I DID WHATEVER YOU SAID...

...THEN I WOULDN'T BE PROTECTING HER!!

SHFFF
TAKE THAT! AND THAT!
SORA...
SNAP
THANK YOU.
SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A PATHETIC HERO.


WE HAVE TO SLEEP IN THESE?
OKAY.
THANKS.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME...
I WANT THIS ONE!
ALL OF THEM.
...BUT YOU'LL GET YOUR MEMORIES BACK.
GOOD NIGHT.

SORA...
DON'T MAKE IT SOUND LIKE THIS IS GOOD-BYE.
I'M GLAD THAT I MET YOU.
I—
HUMMM...
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, RIGHT?

TUG
HERE!
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
PSHHH
HUH ...?
NAMINÉ... ARE YOU CRYING ...?

DON'T CRY.
I PROMISE...
I'LL COME BACK TO YOU...

THE SMELL OF THE WIND...
RIKU!
AH HA HA!
RIKU!
MAN, I MISS THEM...
SORA... KAIRI...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ANYONE.
WELL, REALLY...
...I SHOULD SAY YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE ANYONE.
WHO ARE YOU?
CHAK...
ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?
LOOK.
LOOK AT WHAT YOU TRULY ARE.
!

YES. THAT WAS YOU.
YOU LONGED TO SEE OTHER WORLDS.
SO YOU RECKLESSLY OPENED THE DOOR TO DARKNESS.
WE LOST OUR ISLANDS BECAUSE OF YOU!

YOU'RE JUST A CREATURE OF DARK-NESS.
SORA...
WAIT, I—
THE LIGHT HURTS ME?!
AM I —?
AHH!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO FACE THE LIGHT!
FLASH

I'M... FADING?

YOU WON'T FADE.

FADING AWAY... INTO THE LIGHT.

MAYBE THAT'S NOT SO BAD...

YOU CAN'T FADE.
WHO'S THAT?
NO POWER CAN DEFEAT YOU. NOT THE LIGHT, NOT THE DARK.
NOT THE KING?
DON'T BE AFRAID.
BOTH WILL MAKE YOU STRONGER.
DON'T LOOK AWAY.
NOW.
!

LIGHT WILL HELP YOU ESCAPE THE DEEPEST DARKNESS...
...AND DARKNESS WILL HELP YOU SEE THROUGH THE BLINDING LIGHT.
SO—
ALL THIS TIME...
...I'VE BEEN RUNNING FROM THE DARKNESS.
!!!

THE DARKNESS ISN'T MY ENEMY.
WILL YOU USE YOUR POWER TO HELP OUR ORGANIZATION?
SMILE
MY NAME IS ZEXION.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU ARE ONE OF US.

NO THANKS.

PICKLED DAIKON RADISH
...
...JEC-TION...
SUCH A CUTTING RE...
DSHSH

WHAT I SHOULD BE FIGHTING...
...IS THE PART OF MY HEART THAT WOULD GIVE IN TO THE DARKNESS.
FSHHH
!!
FZH
SHOW YOURSELF.
LET'S FINISH THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.
HA HA HA...

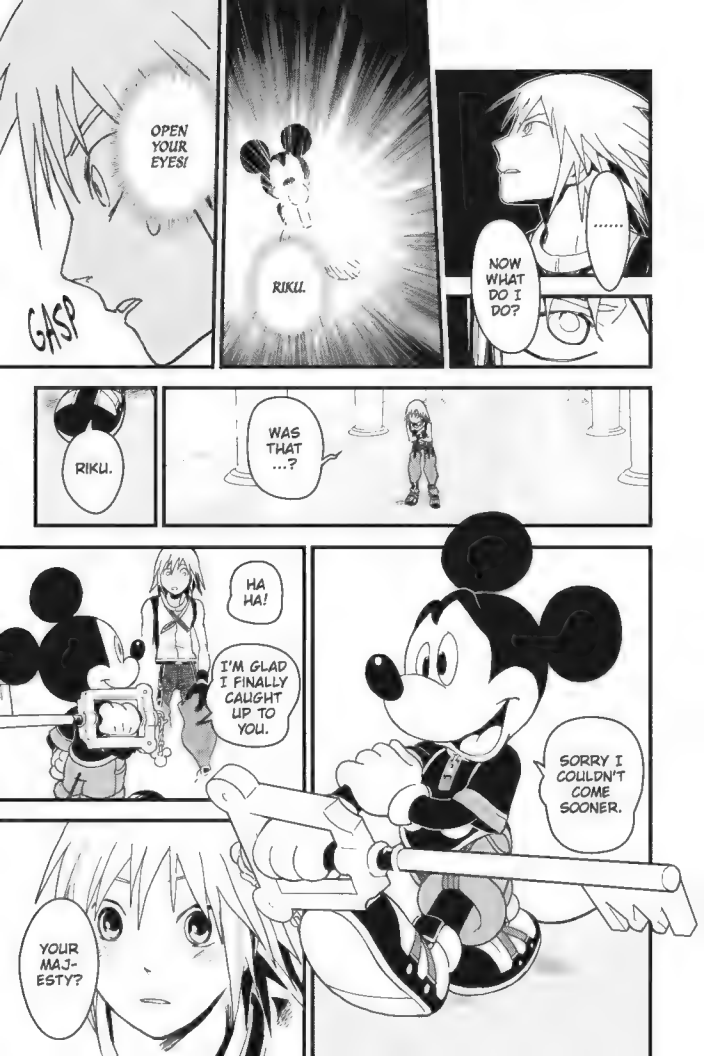
WELL, THEN.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE READY TO GIVE UP YOUR BODY TO ME?
I'M NOTHING LIKE YOU!
GRIP
ZH ZH ZH ZH
WE SHOULD BE FRIENDS, DON'T YOU THINK?
WE'RE BOTH MEN GUIDED BY DARKNESS.

BUT I WON'T.
YOU LOST TO THE DARKNESS.
RWA
I SEE YOU'RE STILL AFRAID...
...OF THE DARK.
"LOST"?
WHOOSH

WHAM
WHAM
WAH HA HA!
I HAVE RISEN FROM THE DEAD ...
...BECAUSE YOU LET THE DARKNESS IN!
BE MINE ONCE AGAIN.
I WILL FILL YOU WITH MY POWER.
YOU SHALL HAVE YOUR EVERY DESIRE.
LET ME HELP YOU, RIKU.

WHAT I DESIRE...
...IS TO MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR!

YOU'RE FINISHED.
FIN-ISHED ?
THERE ...
...IS NO END...
...ESCAPE ...
... ME.
YOU ...
...WILL NEVER ...


OPEN YOUR EYES!
GASP
RIKU.
.....
NOW WHAT DO I DO?
RIKU.
WAS THAT ...?
HA HA!
I'M GLAD I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU.
SORRY I COULDN'T COME SOONER.
YOUR MAJ-ESTY?

IS IT REALLY YOU?
COME ON.
FEEL FOR YOUR-SELF!
HE BROUGHT ME HERE.
APPEAR
AND YOU ARE?
DIZ.
OR SO I AM KNOWN.
...
IT WAS YOU.
YOU PRETENDED TO BE ANSEM. YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING ME ALL THIS TIME.

ANSEM HAD TAKEN REFUGE INSIDE OF YOU. I WANTED TO FIND HIM.
I CAN FEEL HIM.
RIKU...
HE'S STILL THERE.
CREAK...
THERE'S SOMEONE WE WANT YOU TO MEET.

...I TOLD YOU TO TAKE CARE OF KAIRI...
MAN...

...AND HERE YOU ARE, NAPPING!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STEP INSIDE THIS CAPSULE...

ARE YOU NAMINÉ?

...IF I SEAL THE DARKNESS IN YOUR HEART ALONG WITH YOUR MEMORIES.
...AND I CAN MAKE IT SO ANSEM NEVER ESCAPES.
SORA WAS ALWAYS SLACKING OFF, TAKING NAPS WHEN WE WERE BUILDING OUR RAFT TOO.

...SO I CAN'T AFFORD TO SLACK OFF.
THIS IS A PROBLEM I WANT TO HANDLE MYSELF.
THAT VOICE...
IT WAS YOU.
I KNEW YOU WOULD SAY THAT.

LOOK AFTER SORA.
SO YOU DECIDED NOT TO GO TO SLEEP?
THAT WOULD BE A BORING PLACE TO TAKE A NAP.
!

IT'S A NEW DAWN...
FOR NOW...
WHAT ABOUT HER?
...LET'S GIVE HER SOME TIME ALONE.

YOU'RE GOING TO FORGET ME.
BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I'M TAKING THOSE LINKS OUT OF YOUR CHAIN OF MEMORIES.
I WANT TO BELIEVE...

...THAT
THEY WILL BE
CONNECTED AGAIN
SOMEDAY.

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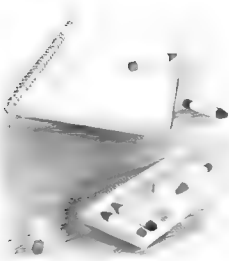
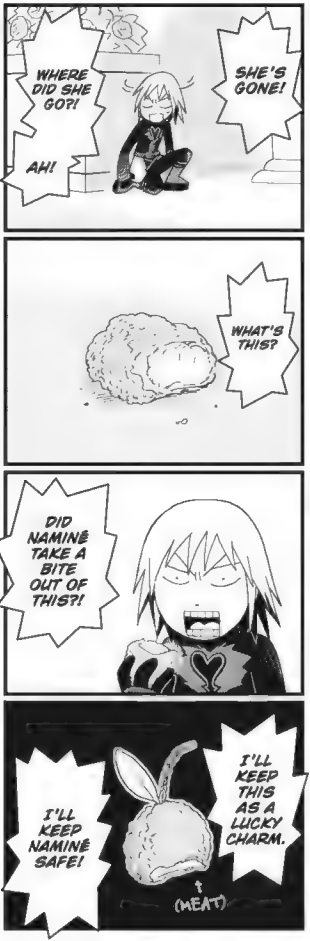
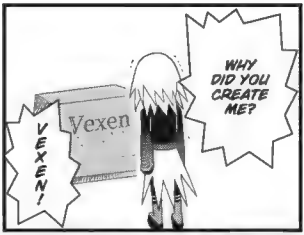



WHERE DID SHE GO?!
SHE'S GONE!
AH!
WHAT'S THIS?
DID NAMINÉ TAKE A BITE OUT OF THIS?!
I'LL KEEP NAMINÉ SAFE!
I'LL KEEP THIS AS A LUCKY CHARM.
(MEAT)

BONUS
THE STRANGE TALE OF THE RIKU REPLICA
GASP
NAMINÉ!!

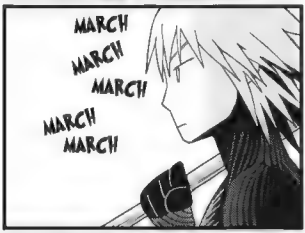
I'D BETTER STAY AWAY FROM THIS GUY...
OKAY. GOOD FOR YOU...
HUH ?!
NAMINÉ! WHERE ARE YOU?!
WHOA !!
THE REAL RIKU!
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M JUST A FAKE!
THINK YOU'RE COOL 'COS YOU'RE THE REAL ONE?
AS LONG AS YOU'RE AROUND, I'LL NEVER BE MORE THAN A SHADOW!
ARGH!
EVERYONE CALLS ME A FAKE.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?
YOUR SHADOW!
I'M TALLER THAN YOU!!
'COS OF MY SHOES !!

I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY...
...OF SELF DISCOVERY.


WHY DID YOU CREATE ME?
Vexen
VEXEN!

SORA!
TAKE CARE OF NAMINE.
FAREWELL.

PAT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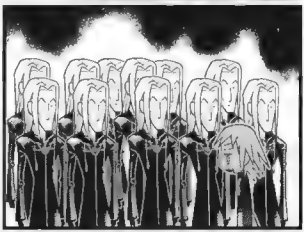

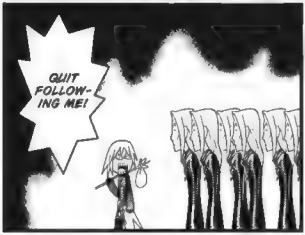
QUIT FOLLOWING ME!

We...are... all...failed... replicas.
VEXEN!!

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